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Hillary Clinton Sheds the Image Of Lady Macbeth

By Robin Toner

WASHINGTON — Barbara Bush is still vastly more popular and better known, but Hillary Clinton seems to be riding a heady backlash from the Republican convention these days.

Her crowds are big, ber portrait on the cover of Time magazine this month was downright beatific, and months of careful mancuvering of

ing to recast her image may be finally paying off.

Mrs. Clinton, who dislikes and dismisses the notion that there was ever a strategy to warm ber up, says she simply realized last spring that voters were getting a one-dimensional portrait of her.

"People started telling me there were polls showing that people didn't even Mouli in Bill and f had a child," she said in a recent interview. "Well, in Arkansas, everybody knows Bill and I have a child, and they know we protect her and we're not keen on having her made into an object. But then I realized, that's the most important

part of my life, and people don't know that about me.

"It wasn't that I changed. It was that I grew in my understanding of how better to communicate what I care about and who I am." For much of the 1992 campaign, the endlessly ballyhooed "year of the woman" never quite extended to Mrs. Clinton. Her poll ratings

From both camps, campaign promises that do not add up. Page 3.

were measured against Mrs. Bush's and found lacking. Her defense of her legal career last spring — an angry "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies" — made even some Democrats

At least 20 articles in major publications this year involved some comparison between Mrs. Clinton and a grim role model for political

ft peaked at the Republican National Convention last month, where a chorus of speakers denounced Mrs. Clinton, by name or by implication, as a dangerous, rogue feminist. That, paradoxically enough, may have ushered in the season of Hillary Clinton's revenge. For some of the speakers at the Republican convention, Mrs. Clinton was the symbol of feminism run wild, a chilly lawyer who equated marriage with slavery and was bent on radically altering the traditional family.

For many of the women who reach for her hand when she works the rope lines these days, she is a kind of everywoman, working hard

and under siege from the men in the blue suits. "You know why she's being attacked," said Lynn Williams O'Keefe, a Montessori teacher who came to a rally for Mrs. Clinton at the University of Colorado at Boulder. "Any woman who's strong is going to be attacked."

James Carville, a senior strategist in the Clinton campaign, puts it more bluntly.

This campaign owes a debt of gratitude to the Republican convention," he said, "for casting her in the role of heroine to a lot of

Perhaps the surest sign that Republican attacks were mistiring is their comparative silence about Mrs. Clinton over the last few weeks. Hillary Chinton, good or bad, is not the issue in this campaign,

said Torie Clarke, press secretary for the Bush campaign.

Mrs. Clinton was well-positioned to benefit from a backlash; she has worked hard to recover from the days of the cookies-andcondescension controversy to present herself as wife and mother in

This month, for example, she was on the daytime television show

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Sad Aftermath of the Floods in Southeastern France

A woman being comforted Thursday by rescue workers and a neighbor after returning to her house, which was devastated by the flash floods and fierce storms that struck southeastern France on Tuesday. Rivers in the Ardèche, Drôme and Vaucluse departments burst their banks, sweeping everything before them. A death toll of more than 80 was feared. Page 4.

Russia Is Selling Submarines to Iran

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Russia is selling diesel submarines to Iran despite U.S. protests, and the first of the vessels is expected to sail for Iran shortly, senior Pentagon officials said.

The sale worries the U.S. Navy, which says the Iranian submarines will introduce a new threat to naval operations in the sea lanes of the the world's oil.

According to Pentagon officials, Russia is selling two or three submarines to Iran, which they are quieter and harder to detect than

will be the first Gulf country to possess subma-

"This will introduce a significant kind of warfare that has been absent from the region," a senior official said. "When you look at the countries around the Persian Gulf, you could end up with some kind of domino effect."

According to estimates by Western experts, the submarines, which in the NATO identification system are denominated Kilo-class vessels. are worth about \$250 million apiece. Unlike nuclear-powered subs, diesels cannot run submerged at high speeds for long periods. But nuclear-powered submarines, adding to the navy's concern.

The deal is one of a number of arms sales to Iran by the cash-starved Russian republic that bave concerned Washington. A Pentagon official said Moscow had sold two dozen Su-24 bombers to Iran and were providing spare parts for some of the Iraqi planes that were flown to Iran during the Gull War and have been put in -service by the Iranian Air Force.

Earlier this month, Moscow agreed to sel two 440-megawatt nuclear power reactors to Iran. The Russians insist that the civilian plants See IRAN, Page 4

Swiss Rate Cut May Portend A German Move

Franc Gets the Upper Hand In Europe's Currency Battle

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — There were signs Thursday, although hardly conclusive, that France may soon be able to claim victory in its battle to save

At the same time, the Swiss National Bank cut an important interest rate, a move that was taken by some economists as an indication that the Bundesbank would soon cut German interest rates. Such an event would make an important contribution to restoring stability in European currency markets.

The mark ended trading at 3.3960 francs, the French currency's best level since the short-lived euphoria following the results of last Sunday's referendum approving the Treaty on European Union.

The mark began Thursday at 3.4140 francs, and both the French and German central banks were in the market supporting the currency, the second day of such joint maneuvers. The intervention succeeded in constantly driving up the

The mark was never permitted to rise above 3.42 francs Wednesday; the banks were fighting to hold the currency at 3.4220. The official floor in the European Monetary System's exchange rate mechanism is 3,4350 francs.

Traders said that there was substantially less pressure on the francitantially less pressure on the francitan in previous days. They also observed that trading was becoming more two-way. That contrasted with the one-way, sell-only trade since the crisis began late last week when the market took fright that France would be forced to follow the example of Britain and Italy and either devalue its currency or

withdraw from the ERM. Conditions in the Paris money

intense and contributed to the franc's performance. The cost of overnight money at one point early in the day reached 30 percent as operators scrambled to lay their hands on cash. By the close, the rate was down to 17 percent.

But for some observers, more significant than the rising cost to speculate against the franc was the decision by the Swiss central bank to cut its discount rate by balf ; percentage point to 6 percent.

While Switzerland is not a member of the Economic Community and its franc not formally linked to the ERM. Swiss policy is aimed at maintaining a close relationship with the Deutsche mark.

"If the Swiss bave cut, the Bundesbank can't be far behind, said Jim O'Neill at Swiss Bank Corp. in London. In the view of a senior banker in

Frankfurt, "it's now only a matter of finding a face-saving way for the Buba to cut its rates - within 10 days, I'd say." A substantial reduction in Ger-

man interest rates is widely regarded as the only evidence that can convince the market that France, whose high ERM-imposed interest rates are slowing growth and feeding unemployment, can maintain the franc's parity against the mark. French analysts were more cir-

cumspect about interpreting the day's events, warning that the franc is not yet out of the woods. "It's the first good day since the

crisis began," agreed Erick Muller at Crédit Commercial de France. "But it doesn't mean the crisis is Referring to the near doubling in

the cost of overnight funds early in the day, Mr. Muller said the pressure driving up the rate showed

Yen Grows Stronger, Even Against Mark

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service TOKYO — Overlooked in the commotion in the European foreign exchange markets, the Japanese you has staged a strong rally and is emerging as perhaps the strongest major currency in the world right now, a development that could hurt Japan's already weakened automobile and elec-

In Thursday trading, the dollar closed at 120.25 year, an all-time high for Tokyo, after the U.S. unit had fallen as low as 119.83 yen earlier in the day.

tronics giants.

The yen has been gaining in the last few weeks even against the Deutsche mark, whose strength has caused a crisis for the British pound, the French franc and other European currencies. At the beginning of the month, the mark was worth 89 yen; now it is worth 80. "It's full-court-press yen

strength against all currencies," said Paul A. Summerville, senior economist for Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo. The strength of its currency is

likely to prove a mixed blessing for Japan. It could alleviate some of the pressure on Japan's beleaguered banks and make it less expensive for Japan to import the oil

and other raw materials it depends on. Politically, a strong yen could help mitigate a soaring trade surplus by making Japanese exports more expensive to the world and foreign products ebcaper to the

But for automobile and electronics companies that depend heavily on exports, the high yen could deal another blow at a time when the companies are already suffering heavily from a slump in Japan's domestic market. The net overall impact of a higher yen could be to prolong the nation's recession. some economists say.

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and other top officials said Thursday that the government would consider intervening in the market if the yen experiences too sharp a rise, but that this did not appear to be the case yet. The prospect of intervention has belped keep the yen from rising further, analysis

But Japanese officials actually appear to be more interested in making sure exchange rate changes are gradual, not in keeping the yen from rising, Indeed, officials of the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan have generally been in favor

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Major Sees No End To Pound's Floating

By Erik Ipsen nal Herald Tribune

LONDON - In a stormy emergency session of Parliament on Thursday, Prime Minister John Major said that it would be a long time, if ever, before he would take Britain back into the European exchange rate mechanism it fled on Sept. 16.

But he insisted that despite mounting opposition in the Maastricht treaty on European union within the ranks of his own Conservative Party and in Britain generally, he would not abandon a parliamentary bill ratify the treaty.

Economists said that with Mr. Major's decision to cut interest rates and embark on a Britain-first policy to try to lift the country out of its recession, any re-entry into the exchange rate mechanism, or ERM, would be unlikely before the end of next year at the earliest.

Following the exchange rate turmoil that forced the floating of the pound and the lira and the devaluation of the Spanish peseta, Mr. Major told Parliament that the goal of a single European Community currency, enshrined in the Maastricht treaty, "must now be an ambition post-

But the prime minister said that "those who assume that the bill is dead have overlooked two things: First, there is much in it that we want. Second, I agreed to that bill."

He repeated, bowever, that he would not resume the Maastricht ratification process until Denmark had clarified its position in the wake of its rejection of the treaty in a referendum in June, and until progress had been made on the issue of "subsidiarity" — the principle that the EC

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Cashier Is Slain At Euro Disney

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — A hotel cashier at Euro Disney was stabbed to death and robbed of the moncy he was putting into a safe at the amusement park near Paris, the police said Thursday.

The police said the man, 40, was killed at about 3 A.M.

Thursday in a room at the park's luxury Disneyland Ho-tel used by hotel personnel for counting and depositing cash. The police would not release the victim's name or national-

ity - except to say that he was

not French - or the amount

(AP, AFP)

of money that was stolen. General News

George Bush's disavowal of a role in the Iran-contra affair is being disputed by several in-Page 7. siders

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? — Workers removing the sign from New York's Pan Am tower Thursday. Metropolitan Life, the building's owner, will put up its sign.

Senior Japan Politician Said to Plan Guilty Plea

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service
TOKYO — Shin Kanemaru, widely considered to be Japan's most influential politician, was reported Thursday to be readying a guilty plea to charges that he received \$4 million in improper political contributions from a mob-related company in a widening scandal that is threatening to engulf the cabinet of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. Under the deal described by all of Japan's leading newspapers and the government-af-filiated broadcaster, NHK, Mr. Kanemaru

Democratic Party. Mr. Kanemaru was expected to submit a written statement to prosecutors, probably on Friday, and would be indicted next week. He would immediately pay a fine of roughly \$1,700, the maximum penalty under Japa-nese law. It would, however, be the first time would admit to what amounts to a technical

bution in return for a token fine and an end been convicted of violating the Political Mr. Kanemaru was able to support it. More-to inquiries that have linked him to Japanese Funds Control Law, which regulates — over, the investigation threatens to spread to gangsters. Analysis said the highly unusual agreement was a last-ditch effort by Mr. though not very stringently - the size of contributions poblicians are permitted to Kanemaru to preserve his extraordinary political power, and that of the richest and biggest of the factions in the roling Liberal

Mr. Kanemaru takes credit for installing the last four Japanese prime ministers — and

politician with the most to lose is Mr.

called Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin spread what appears to he well in excess of a billion Although he has not been implicated in the latest of Japan's seemingly continuous series of influence-peddling scandals, the

later dumping at least two of them — and many question how effectively or how long Mr. Miyazawa could head the cabinet unless

post as party leader. But history suggests that even if be is disgraced, he could continue to wield considerable power. By pleading guilty, Mr. Kanemaru would

dollars through the political system.

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other members of the cabinet as revelations

continue about how a trucking concern

It is unclear whether by settling the legal moruiry that Mr. Kanemaru will also be able to hold on to his seat in parliament or his

The Faceless Spymaster of the East Faces Justice in the West

By Marc Fisher

Washington Post Service
BERLIN — The legendary East German spymaster Markus Wolf, once known as the man without a face because Western intelligence agencies could not even obtain a picture of him, was

charged with spying and treason Thursday.

German prosecutors said Mr. Wolf, 69, and free on \$180,000 bail in Berlin, managed all of Communist East Germany's espionage against West Germany during the 33 years in which he headed the foreign intelligence sension of Section foreign intelligence service of Stasi. Now a staple on German TV talk shows, Mr. Wolf wears fine Western suits and drives a latemodel Volvo, but he remains an unrepentent Com-munist. He turned himself over to the German

authorities a year ago after the coup that dissolved

the Soviet Union deprived him of a secure refuge.

Mr. Wolf, whose Jewish father fled to Moscow to

escape Nazi Germany, said then that he did not

want to be an exile for the second time in his life. Mr. Wolf's trial, which is not expected to begin until next year, will force the German legal system to confront the tricky question of whether East German officials can be convicted of acts that were not only fully legal in their own country, but were identical to the actions of Western intelligence agencies operating in the Communist world. Germany's highest court is expected to rule on the question in the next year.

violation of a law limiting campaign contri- a member of the Japanese parliament had

Mr. Wolf was charged with handling 12 agents in the former West Germany, including Gunter Guillaume, who worked his way up through the Social Democratic Party, eventually becoming a key aide to Chancellor Willy Brandt. Mr. Guillaume's unmasking in 1974 was a major factor in Mr. Brandt's fall from power. The indictment said Mr. Wolf trained Mr. Guillaume from 1959 to 1964, teaching him how to climb the bureaucratic ladder as one of the East's most prized moles.

The indictment said Mr. Wolf, the model for the spy novelist John le Carre's character Karla, controlled the East German espionage operation's foreign agents, electronic surveillance, border controls and investigative department. All told, Mr. Wolf is said to have had more than 500 sources in West Germany. Among the 12 agents he is charged with handling were three officials of the West German intelligence agency, three politicians, two diplomats, two secretaries and a news agency re-

When Mr. Wolf turned himself in last year, he said he hoped to be able to avoid prison and perhaps even trial through a judicious use of the information he had collected during his long ser-vice. A source at Germany's domestic intelligence agency, the Office of Constitutional Protection, said Mr. Wolf hoped to save himself with his enviable collection of "bedtime stories that could wreck German political careers" and "political

information about critical areas of German policy that could embarrass the government." But Mr. Wolf's knowledge produced no deal. He appeared to be headed for trial.

Although many of Mr. Wnlf's former employees have belped German investigators with thousands of leads in the two years since Germany reunited, Mr. Wolf himself has refused to cooperate. Earlier this month, appearing before a parliamentary committee investigating East Germany's hard cur-rency deals with Western governments and businesses, he answered every question the same way: No answer, Mr. Chairman

In an interview with Newsweek last year, Mr. Wolf said that his life's work had been worthwhile. "We did something necessary during the Cold War," he said. "We made the other side transparent, so they knew nothing could happen without us knowing it. That had a certain peacekeeping ele-

UN Fights Time as Bosnia Winter Nears

By John F. Burns New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina -United Nations officials assigned to help the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina survive the winter are in a race with time that many of the

officials fear may be lost. With the first anowfalls in Saraievo probably no more than six weeks away, this city and dozens of other towns and villages are facing a threat that has come to be regarded by many Bosnians as more menacing than the tank and mortar bombardments around

Unless a new United Nations relief plan can surmount daunting obstacles, including a resistance from Serbian nationalist forces that has frustrated much of the relief effort so far, hundreds of thousands will face the winter without adequate clothing or shelter. without fuel for heating or cooking and with

Senior officials of the Muslim-led Bosnian government have been warning that in the worst case, tens of thousands of people will die of exposure or starvation. At least 50,000 people are estimated to have died or disappeared in Bosnia-Herzegovina since April,

when the fighting began.

UN relief officials have expressed similar fears, saying that they have been left with too

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across Bosnia on Thursday, while a

mortar attack killed three civilians

Outside the capital, near the sub-

urb of Stup, a United Nations ar-

mored personnel carrier overseeing an exchange of bodies by Serbian and Bosnian forces burst into

flames after being hit by a bazooka

shell. At least seven peacekeeping personnel — six Egyptians and a

Canadian — were wounded, a UN

Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen.

mediators heading international ef-

forts to restore peace in the former

Yugoslav republic, said they would visit Serbian-held Banja Luka in

northern Bosnia on Friday to in-

vestigate reports of ethnic violence.

Local sources said that Muslims

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in central Sarajevo.

spokesman said.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

Bosnian Strife Widens,

Sarajevo Mortar Kills 3

na - Bosnian and Serbian forces the center of "ethnic cleansing" op-

fought for control of key towns erations earlier this year.

there killed four Serbian policemen

Wednesday night. The town was at

Mr. Vance and Lord Owen were

also expected to seek details of a

Bania Luka police investigation

into allegations that Serbian police

killed 200 Muslim men who disap-

peared in August while being es-corted to Muslim-held territory. Sarajevo radio reported three

dead in Thursday's mortar attack,

which hit bus carrying people to work. Another person was killed by

a sniper in the city.

The towns of Gradacac, Bihac

Serbian forces, it said.

bian aggression.

d Jajce were heavily shelled by

Jaice, in western Bosnia, was also

being bombed by Serbian aircraft.

Jajce has been virtually cut off by

Serbian forces since April, At the United Nations in New

York, the presidents of Croatia and

Bosnia-Herzegovina announced a

mutual defense pact to thwart Ser-

Despite a pact signed in July, relations between Bosnia and Cro-

atia have soured. Last month, Cro-

atian forces close to Sarajevo

turned back at least two arms ship-

ments to Sarajevo's besieged de-

fenders, Bosnian defense officials

President Franjo Tudjman said

be did not intend to ask UN peace-keepers in Croana to stay beyond

March 1993, when their mandate

expires. He said that the Serbs in

In fact, tensions have been high

• European monetary chaos

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little time, too few stockpiled supplies and no assurances that the Serbian forces will coop-

Major General Philippe Morillon, the French officer oamed to organize the stepped-up relief effort authorized by the UN Security Council last week, flew to Bosnia over the weekend to assess problems facing the new, 6,000-member UN military force. The force will attempt to overcome obstacles that have kept supplies from reaching many of the 1.3 million people estimated to be in need of help

The new force will be in addition to the 2,000 military and civilian personnel that the United Nations has already deployed across Bosnia, mostly in Sarajevo.

At a news conference this week, General Morillon seemed beset with worry. He outlined the steps necessary before the truck convoys needed to transport thousands of tons of supplies a week could begin running. Among these, be said, would be the repair of four bridges on the main route, a 140-kilometer (85-mile) run from Mostar, southwest of Sarajevo, that has been the scene of savage

We must pray that winter doesn't arrive too quickly," the general said. In approving the expansion of the relief effort last week, the Security Council set out a

several European countries, including Britain and France, would seek to establish safe

corridors for overland convoys across Bosnia. The UN resolution also wide eed the conditions under which the troops could use force. authorizing units accompanying convoys to use "all necessary means" to get supplies

Among many Bosnians, this raised the hope that UN troops, who have hitherto opened fire only when fired upon, would use orce to overcome Serbian resistance, includ-

ing attempts to block roads. Some Bosnian officials predicted that this could draw Western forces into the war on the Bosnian government side. But General Morillon made it plain that convoys encountering Serbian blockades would use persuasion, not force.

"We have absolutely no intentioo to force our way through blockades," the general said.

"It is not in our mandate, Cyrus Shahkhalili, a UN relief official, was doubtful that the UN effort would succeed. He said that he believed that no effective relief effort could be mounted without a last-

ing, countrywide cease-fire.
"The crux of the problem is political," be said. "If we don't have a cease-fire, the Serbs can and will sabotage all our efforts."

Germany Tells UN It Wants Permanent Iraq Opposition Plans Government Security Council Seat

By Paul Lewis New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - Germany has told the United Nations General Assembly for the first time that it would like a permanent seat oo the Security Council and promised to revise its constitution so that German soldiers could take part in UN military operations.

The German statement, made by Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel in an address Wednesday to the assembly, was widely viewed as a sign that two years after reunification Germany is ready to take a role in world political affairs commensurate with its economic strength.

Mr. Kinkel made clear that Germany was still unwilling to go on the offensive in seeking a perma-nent seat oo the 15-oation council, the body charged with preserving world peace, saying "We will not take the initiative in this respect."

But he noted that a debate on enlarging the Security Council was under way and that "if a change in the enuncil's composition is actually considered we, too, shall seek a permanent seat."

Mr. Kinkel's comments came a day after the Japanese foreign minister, Michio Watanabe, dropped a broad hint, as he did in his speech last year, that Japan also believed its economic importance merited permanent Security Council mem-bership by 1995, when the United Nations celebrates its 50th anniver-

In the past, the United States has supported the principle of council membership for Japan and, since reunification in October 1990, for Germany as well.

But it has also quietly discouraged both countries from pressing openly for permanent membership. fearing that any attempt to amend the UN Charter risks unleashing pressures for more far-reaching organizational changes. Now that Germany and Japan are becoming more explicit about their wishes Washington may have to decide whether to come out publicly in favor of or against their member-

At present, permanent membership is confined to Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, the five World War II victors, who also have a veto oo deci-

German press reports on Thurs-

its fleeing citizens. The German In-terior Ministry statement announc-

ing the program said the return of Romanian refugees to their coun-try "stands in the context of" Ger-

many's agreement to spend \$21 million over three years to build

job-training schools in Romania. Later, the ministry said the aid pro-

gram was not a form of compensa-tion, but had been in the works for

The leader of Germany's main

Gypsy group, the Central Council of German Roma and Sinti, ac-

cused the German government and news media of inciting a fear cam-

"It is frightening how quickly dur-ing the present crisis in Germany

our minority is being used political-ly to divert attention from the real

problems we have - high unem-

ployment, bousing sbortages,

In a recent report on the persecu-tion of Gypsies in Romania, Hel-sinki Watch, which said its investi-

gators conducted interviews with

more than 200 Gypsies and Roma-nian officials, concluded that both

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million Gypsies were rounded up

and denied them work.

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sions. The 10 rotating members of the council serve two-year terms. Many countries consider that this oo longer reflects the realities of the modern era. Pressure to expand or change the membership is growing among the poor populous countries in the United Nations and popular sentiment to join the council is also thought to be building in Japan and Germany.

Mr. Kinkel said Wednesday that the "efficiency and credibility" of the council were important if it was to serve as an effective guardian of international peace. German officials say that the pressures will force the United Nations to reconsider the council's membership in the oext few years and that Germany will seek a permanent seat then.

Changes in the council's mem-bership are almost certain to be accompanied by complications and disputes. Many Third World countries resent the privileged position of the present Permanent Five, as they are called, and want greater representation for the world's populous poorer nations.

This week, Brazil's foreign min-ister threw his weight behind what has enme to be called the Brazilian plan, under which Germany and Japan would get permanent seats but without a veto, along with such countries as Brazil, Egypt, India and Nigeria.

But the addition of five or six more permanent members would bring pressure for more rotating seats as well, raising the council's membership to 25 or so, which some diplomats fear would make decisions harder to reach.

German officials say the govern-ment decided that the time was right to press more openly for permanent council membership be-cause of a feeling that Britain and France would oever agree to an alternative plan under which they would merge their national seats into a single permanent seat repre-senting the European Community.

Mr. Kinkel also sought oo Wednesday to deal with one of the major arguments against giving Germany permanent Security Council membership — the government's contention that a constitutional ban against sending German soldiers outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization area prevents it from taking part in UN

operations. Mr. Kinkel said the governing coalition of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats was committed "to make our armed forces available to the United Nations, with the approval of Parliament, for peacekeeping and peacemaking assignments."

German officials said this phrase was meant to include both classic peacekeeping operations and mili-tary enforcement action against aggressors authorized by the council. German forces have played porting roles in several UN peace-

keeping operations recently.

■ U.S. Backs Expansion The United States said Thursday that it was willing to consider ex-panding the Security Council to include Germany, Japan and possibly other states as permanent mem-bers, but added that the issue was complicated and that decisions would take some time, Reuters re-ported from the United Nations.

"Security Council reform is something the United States would certainly be prepared to consider," said the acting secretary of state, Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

The lesder, Romani Rose, said, New Attacks On Hostels In Germany

BERLIN - The police on Thursday reported new attacks by German extremists on hostels for asylum-seeking refugees in the Western and Eastern parts of the

vigilante mobs and Romanian policemeo had beaten Gypsies,

chased them out of their village East German states of Branden-burg and Mecklenburg-Western The Romanian government de-nies persecution of Gypsies and said it welcomed the opportunity to return the refugees to their homes.

Youths also stoned a hostel housing about 80 East Europeans in the Bavarian town of Passan on Germany has rejected nearly all asylum claims from Romania, Thursday morning. The extremists, who had been chanting racist slogans, fled when local residents

The government blames the vio-

Thursday with serious breach of peace for their role last year in one of the first attacks on refugee hos-

Eight others involved in the at-

WORLD BRIEFS

SALAH AD DIN, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi opponents of Saddani Hussein, meeting together for the first time on his soil, on Thursday proclaimed

meeting together for the first time on his soil, on Thursday processment their unity and intention to create a federal government.

They agreed to form an 87-member legislature to coordinate the struggle and draw a blueprint for a democratic Iraq. More than 60 delegates from 33 parties or groups attended the opening ceremony on Wednesday. The delegates set up a committee of 18, representing the main Kurdish, Shiite fundamentalist and Sunni Arab groups to work out details of the anti-Saddam strategy.

The chances are slim that the opposition will be able to overthrow Mr. Saddam soon, given his military might. But observers said the meeting eave moral strength to his opponents, particularly the Kurds, who have

gave moral strength to his opponents, particularly the Kurds, who have set up their own de-facto state in Iraq's north.

Georgia Warns of 'War' on Abkhazia

MOSCOW (Renters) - Georgia threatened on Thursday to start a "real war" if its ultimatum demanding that south Russian armed groups be withdrawn from the rebel region of Abkhazia by Friday was not

A spokesman, Ramin Chelidze, said that the State Council had decided to start "a wide-scale combat action" to drive all "illegal north Caucasian armed groups" from Abkhazia. "Then a real war will start," he said.

Mr. Chelidze, deputy head of the ruling State Council's press service,
was speaking by telephone from his office in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.

Roh to Hold Nuclear Talks in China

SEOUL (UPI) — North Korea's ouclear development program will be a major topic when President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea meets Chinese leaders in Beijing uext week, a senior Seoul official said Thurs-

Shin Kee Bock, assistant foreign minister for political affairs for South Korea, said that Mr. Roh will meet China's president, Yang Shangkun; the Communist Party leader, Jiang Zemin; Prime Minister Li Peng and

"President Roh's visit will oot only help promote bilateral relations with China but will also contribute to the stability of the Korean Peninsula," Mr. Shin said. "I think denuclearization of the Korean." Peninsula will be a major topic during the visit."

Ex-Honduras Rebel Frees Hostage

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AFP) — A former Honduran rebel freed Luis Fishman, the Costa Rican interior minister, Thursday and flew to possible asylum in Mexico after a 16-hour hostage-taking that also netted the Honduran secret police chief and a bishop, officials said.

Orlando Ordoñez, a former member of Hondura's Cinchonero rebel group, flew to Mexico immediately with three Roman Catholic priests and a Mexican diplomat after Mr. Fishman's release at Tegucigalpa's international airport, officials said.

Mr. Fishman was freed after a nightlong airport standoff and oegotia-tions involving Honduran officials and Costa Rican, Mexican and Vatican diplomats. The former rebel's other two bostages were freed Wednesday. In Mexico City, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said the government had agreed to Mr. Ordohez's "transfer" to Mexico and that his status would be considered.

42 Still Missing in Ship Collision

JAKARTA (Reuters) — Forty-two seamen are still missing after a weekend collision between two ships in the Strait of Malacca which also left a giant oil slick in one of the world's busiest waterways, officials said

on Thursday, Indonesia, which is coordinating the search, says only one body and three survivors have been found out of a crew of 21 crew aboard the Panamanian-registered container ship Ocean Blessing and 25 on the Liberian-registered tanker Nagasaki Spirit, which collided Sunday.

The container ship has been towed to a north Sumatran port but the tenker, which was carrying 40,000 tons of oil, is still drifting in the strait cozing oil from a hole in its side. An official estimated the radius of the oil slick at about 20 kilometers (12 miles).

TRAVEL UPDATE

International air travel is expected to increase by 7.4 percent annually in the next four years as the world emerges from economic recession, a according to a study released on Thursday by the International Air

Transport Association. (Reuers)
The number of traffic related deaths in Russia in the first half of this year - 13,000 - equaled the total death toll in the 10-year Afghan war, the daily newspaper Trud reported Thursday, citing figures from the state

Fare wars and mergers are knocking airlines out of the skies, industry officials said on Thursday at a conference in Cairo, and a British Airways official predicted that there would be only nine major carriers by the end of the century. Much of the attrition is expected to take place in the United States, where industry losses of \$7 billion in the last two years have pushed major airlines into bankruptcy or liquidation. (Reuders)

Germany has asked the United States to update a 1955 bilateral air-

traffic treaty, removing terms that it says favor U.S. carriers, including limits on the number of airports available to each country's airline. Bonn said it would terminate the accord if the changes were not made. (AP)

About 1.74 million tourists visited Thailand from January to June, as

opposed to 1.62 million a year previously, despite May's riots in Bangkok, the national tourist authority said.

(Reuers)

Two campgrounds in Kings Canyon National Park in California have been closed temporarily because of a mouse found dead there of bubonic plague. No park visitors have been infected, a spokeswoman said. (AP)

The Weather

They said stone-throwing youths masked windows at hostels in the

of the applicants, Mr. Seiters said. Relations between Germans and came onto the streets. There were oo immediate reports Gypsies have been strained for

> Germany, hit by recession and the soaring costs of the 1990 unifi-cation between West and East Germany, has been rocked in recent weeks by a wave of racist attacks on forcieners.

lence on a record number of asylum-seekers this year and plans to crack down on the extreme rightists us well as change Germany's liberal asylum law. Ten people were charged on

tels in Eastern Germany.

A court in Cotthus said the

youths, wielding clubs and guns, set fire to and partially destroyed a bostel in the town of Schwarze Pumpe in Brandenburg in August 1991

tack were each sentenced two weeks ago to 14 to 19 months detention and 100 hours community

Heavy Snow

North America
Tropical storm Danielle will
that the mid-Atlantic coast
early on the weekend, bringing soaking rame from New
York Cay brough Wastery
on. O C. Chicago and
Ostroit will have a rather
warm weekerd with just the
chance of e shower.

Showers and thunderstorms will soak areas of northern Spein and southern Frames this weekend. Madrid will have thunderstorms Saturday, then Sunday and Monday will be cooler and probably dry. Paris and London will be mainly cloudy with showers possible.

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Bonn-Romania Gypsy Accord

Croatia will be peacefully integrated into political life by then, so "there will be no need to extend the in some of the Serb-dominated ar-

In Bucharest for the signing cere-unified two years ago and opened

About 20 percent of the 280,000 foreigners who have sought asylum in Germany this year are from Ro-

mania: about 60 percent of the Romanians are Gypsies. The treaty was criticized Thurs-

day by buman-rights groups and Gypsy organizations, who accused Germany of sending thousands of people to face political persecution in the country they had fled. "Gypsies in Romania have been

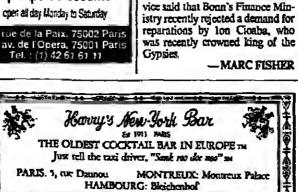
the target of iocreasingly violent attacks since the revolution that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu," the director of the international buman-rights group Helsinki Watch, Jeri Laber, wrote in a letter to Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. "The German government's decision to single out Romanian Gypsies for deportation is discriminatory treatment."

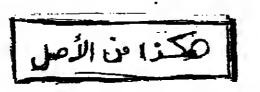
Germany, which has accepted more refugees than any other European country, has defended the deportation program as an important step in streamlining an asylum sys-tem overloaded by more than half a million refugees since Germany re-

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Candidates' Pledges That Don't Add Up

President George Bush offered a \$20 billion tax break to small businesses. Last week, it was \$500 milbon a year to companies giving workers time off in family emergencies. Before that, it was a 1 percentage point across-the-board reduction in tax rates for individuals.

And these are just the tax cuts Mr. Bush has proposed since the White House published its midyear budget review in July. In all, the tax breaks he has put forth in his campaign would cost the gov-ernment about \$165 billion in lost revenue over the next five years.

That does not count the tax credits and deductions Mr. Bush would allow so that people could get medical insurance, a cost that could easily reach \$20 billion a year. Nor does it count the tens of billions he says he would spend for job training and for tuition payments for students in private schools.

It is not unusual for presidential candidates to make generous promises as the election approaches. But Mr. Bush does so in the same breath that he advocates a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget and at a time when the federal deficit is about \$350 billion, the highest ever. Governor Bill Clinton, the Dem-

ocratic presidential nominee, also

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — This week,

Washing Ton Dublic works, medical care for the next fiscal year, of which sale for all, an expanded student loan program, tax cuts for the middle ing gimmick:

The rub with Mr. Rosh's plan is class, continued spending on popu-

lar weapons programs.

And some of the Arkanses governor's arithmetic is almost as shaky as Mr. Bush's. But Mr. Clin-ton does talk about both the specific taxes he would raise and much deeper reductions in military

NEWS ANALYSIS

spending than Mr. Bush wants. And be does not promise to bal-ance the budget, only to cut the deficit in half over four years. Mr. Bush, of course, is sworn

gainst tax increases. He says mereby that his tax cuts would be bal-anced by spending reductions; he almost never says which ones. He did not say Wednesday, for example, how the country could afford \$20 billion in tax relief for small

A senior White House official said the new tax proposal would he more than offset by \$132 billion in spending cuts that Mr. Bush has recommended over the years and that have been rejected by Con-

There are several problems with that figure: The first is that the White House

and the Bush campaign have no list of programs that are included in the \$132 billion total. Only \$72 billion of the cuts are in the budget

ing gimmick: The second is that Mr. Bush ne longer advocates some cuts he favored early in his administration and that are presumably included in the \$132 billion. For example, two years ago, he recommended cutting price-support payments to farmers by \$20 billion. Congress approved about \$15 billion, but less than \$1 billion of the remaining the largest mandatory programs besides Social Scomity, have been growing at about 13 percent a year, more than three times the rate of

cuts are in next year's budget. Finally, Mr. Bush's staff uses the same \$132 billion figure to show how they would pay for tax cuts, how they would reduce the budget deficit and how they would finance such election-year plums as the re-construction of Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

But this is not the full extent of the president's budgetary sleight of hand. He said he favored putting a cap on all mandatory spending programs except Social Security so they could rise no more than the rate of inflation and the rate of increase in the eligible population. Such a cap, he said, would save the government \$294 billion in the next five years.

Mandatory programs, or entitle-ments, are those like Medicare, Medicaid, veterans benefits, food stamos and agricultural price supports that pay benefits automati They make up about three-fifths of

Clinton almost never delivers bad news. In the Middle West, he says he will continue generous farm sub-sidies. In Florida, he promises no cuts in Social Security or Medicare. And when he arrives in a community where weapons systems are built, he becomes outright hawkish.

The rub with Mr. Bosh's plan is

that he offers no clue how it would

work, nothing that would give any voter any indication that a favored

Medicare and Medicaid, by far

inflation. Does Mr. Bush have

some plan he has not announced to

lower medical costs? Or would the

elderly and the poor find that some of their medical bills were not cov-

Mr. Clinton's accounting is also

open to question. His pledge to cut the budget deficit in half over the

next four years is based largely on

the assumption that the economy

will grow somewhat faster than

congressional anthorities and most

A promise to collect more taxes

from foreign corporations based in

the United States is probably more

smoke than substance. And prom-

ises to save billions by cutting ad-

ministrative costs throughout the government and improving man-agement of the savings and loan

bailout are probably not realistic.

Like most other politicians, Mr.

private economists anticipate.

benefit might be sheed.

promises an insurance package that His staff says that if the health-

President George Bush presenting his small-business proposals during an address to businessmen in Greensboro, North Carolina.

for every American.

He says the price to the govern-The biggest gap in Mr. Clinton's billion a year, would be ouser by calculations involves medical incontrolling medical costs, but he has not offered a fully developed

add up, they are not ocarly so far includes coverage for nursing- care plan proved to he too expen- off as Mr. Bush's.

bome care and prescription drugs sive, it might have to he phased in over several years, a caveat that the candidate himself does not make in

his stump speeches. But that said, Mr. Clinton has put out the most complete tax and spending figures of any recent presidential challenger. If they do not

Clinton's Rhetoric Takes the Preppie Road

VALDOSTA, Georgia - Mr. Clinton's rhetoric is taking a personal turn, focusing on President George Bush's privileged up-bringing as he expands his theme that Republican policies favor the wealthy at the expense of middle America

Campaigning before a roaring crowd of 6,000 at the final stop of a one-day bus tour through Georgia, Mr. Clinton noted that Mr. Busb
— in refusing to debate — called Mr. Clinton an "Oxford man"
skilled nt debating. "One day I'm a redneck from a little Southern
state, the next day I'm an Oxford man." Mr. Clinton said. "He went to a country day school and prep school in Connecticut and Yale. Where does he get off looking up to me as an Oxford man?

"He got \$300,000 from his daddy to start the family business. He

ought to stand up and fight for his record rather than dumping on me," Mr. Clinton said.

Before leaving Valdosta, Mr. Clinton met with reporters and denied that his remarks represented a personal attack on Mr. Bush.

"I just put out be had a very privileged background." Mr. Clinton said. "He went to a prep school. He went to Yale. And for him to be out there saying that is ludicrous."

As for Mr. Bush's upbringing and the linancing of bis business, Mr. Clinton said, "There's nothing wrong with any of it."

[AP]

Nadier Replaces Weiss as New York Nominee

NEW YORK - State Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler, a veteran legislator from the Upper West Side, was chosen by Manhattah Democratic Party leaders as their nominee to succeed Representative Ted Weiss on the November ballot, virtually assuring his election in the overwhelmingly Democratic district that has long been among the most liberal in the nation.

In a rancous meeting of nearly 1,000 Democratic county committee members that capped a week of old-fashioned ward politics and intense lobbying. Mr. Nadler handily defeated a crowded field of five other candidates, including the widow of Mr. Weiss, the long-time liberal leader who died last week.

(NYT)

Quote-Unquote

Vice President Dan Quayle; "One lesson we've learned over the past two centuries is the need for strong character in our presidents. This country has prevailed in rough times when our leaders have adhered firmly to principle and truth. But when our presidents have vacillated or lied or attempted to be all things to all people, then we have lost national confidence and steered toward crisis."

Congress Puts Bush in Corner He Must Veto Popular Bills to Be Consistent

By Ann Devroy ungton Post Service WASHINGTON - This is the month that the Democratic-con-

trolled Congress is sending President George Bush's legislative chickens home to roost. With fewer than six weeks left in a campaign where the president is struggling, Congress is sending him legislation that he must veto to

avoid being accused of flip-flopping.

But killing bills to grant family leave, to control the rising cost of cable television, or to help fund abortions for poor women, are actions not likely to gain many votes for Mr. Bush beyond those already

in the Republican column. Nicholas E. Calio, the White House aide for legislative affairs, said, "The schedule was done for political purposes, and no one in Congress would deny it with a

Another administration official noted that Mr. Bush was "on the wrong side politically" of at least four and perhaps more issues Demmaining days before adjournment:

day, citing mine officials.

when be was a priest in the area.

Away From the Hustings

· New laws on the disposal of hazardons waste were passed by

Coogress and sent to President George Bush. The legislation requires

federal installations, such as nuclear plants, to comply with state and federal laws. The bill, which the administration had blocked for several years, was passed, 403 to 3, in the House and by voice vote in

A protein implicated in Alzheimer's disease, apparently made by cells throughout the body, is cited by scientists in a surprising finding

strikebound gold mine in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, last

week, a newspaper reported. The bomb in the Giant Yellowknife

mine probably went off when a rail car carrying the miners rolled over a detonator, The Globe and Mail of Toronto reported Wednes-

• In the aftermath to the hurricanes that swept through Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii, President Bush signed legislation providing \$11.1 billion in emergency aid to those states. Also given aid was the territory of Guam, damaged by a typhoon.

• Charges of criminal sexual conduct with a 15-year-old baby sitter io

1987 were lodged in Minnesota against James R. Porter, a former Roman Catholic priest who was indicted Monday on charges of sexually assaulting 32 girls and boys in Massachusetts three decades

ago. The new charges were disclosed while he was being arraigned in New Bedford, Massachusetts, on accusations that dated back to

After an engine exploded, a United Airlines DC-10 with 238 passengers on board returned safely to San Francisco airport, an

airport spokesman said. The DC-10 had just taken off on a flight to Korra, Hawaii, when a compressor in one of its three engines exploded, blowing out the side of the engine and some engine parts, a

that may offer ways to test for the illness and develop treatment Three groups of researchers said they discovered the production of beta amyloid by human and animal cells in the laboratory and by blood and spinal cord cells from Alzheimer's patients and healthy

• Family leave. Mr. Busb this week vetoed the family leave bill that would have required employers of more than 50 workers to give them up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family emergencies. Governor Bill Clinton, the Democratic presidential cominee, and the as we are being portrayed, is not Democrats have been bashing Mr. exactly a populist position. This is Bush for weeks on the issue, calling not an easy issue to make our case the president pro-family in rhetoric

but anti-family in policy. The Senate voted, 68 to 31, on Thursday to override the veto, with 14 Republicans going against the president. Opponents of the measure said they were certain they had enough votes in the House to sustain the veto. Thomas Foley, speaker of the House, acknowledged Thursday that the odds were long on overriding the veto, which requires a two-thirds vote in each

plaints about rapid price increases levied by cable operators, many of whom hold monopolies. The legislation attempts to regulate price ocratic congressional leaders have structures and passed the Senate made a priority in Congress's re- with large enough majority to over-

Bush aides said the president is expected to follow through this week on his promise to veto the legislation as part of the president's anti-regulation philosophy. But one official ruefully noted, "Being in favor of cable TV price-gonging,

 Abortion. Democrats have abortion language in at least two spending bills, a replay of efforts that have been made at least a dozen times during the Bush presidency. The language would allow federal funds to be spent in connection with abortions for poor women. Mr. Bush will veto such legislation again in adhering to his anti-abor-tion policies, with aides agreeing that focus on the abortion issue may please conservative Republi-• Cable television. The legisla- ... cans but is not a plus for most other

> • China. Legislation to renew most-favored-nation trade status has been crafted to highlight China's human rights, arms prolifera-tion and trade policies. The legislation would impose restrictions on Beijing, and Mr. Bush has vetoed every version of it since the Transnmen Square massacre, during his first year in office. Mr. Bush has steadfastly maintained that encouraging China to reform will work better than punishing that nation, a position that has little public

support.
Republicans give Democrats credit, as one put it, for "recognizing earlier than we did the political potential" for issues to be pushed in the final weeks of Congress that coincide with the final weeks of the

our way in a guerrilla war Congress is waging on Bill Clinton's behalf," a senior White House official said.

Mr. Bush's stands on those issues have not altered much in his four years in the White House and to switch positions now, his aides ac-knowledge, would be politically suicidal.

"Are you kidding," asked one aide when questioned on whether Mr. Bush should avoid vetoing the cable bill. "This is the week we are on the air accusing Clinton of flipflopping," a reference to a new Bush advertising campaign against Mr. Clinton that began Wednes-

The seeds of Mr. Bush's current legislarive problems were sown in better times when John H. Sununu, then the White House chief of staff, labored for the president's first three years in office to keep Mr. Bush right with conservatives, who had little love and not much trust that he was one of them, and with traditional Republican co cies such as business.

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James A. Van Fleet, U.S. General, Dies

General James A. Van Fleet, 100, a foot soldier through four detades and a commander who led major campaigns in World War II and the Korean War, died Wednesday in Polk City, Florida.

General Van Fleet, who had boen a machine-gunner to World War I, later played crucial roles on D-Day, in the Allied push into Ger-many and, after the war, to stopping Communist guerrillas in

Calling him "the greatest general we have ever had," former President Harry S. Truman said in 1953: "I sent him to Greece and he won the war. I sent him to Korea and he Won the war."

As commander of an infantry regiment for the D-Day assault on Omaha Beach to Normandy, his men obtained their objectives with a minimum loss of lives.

Death Rate of Children In Iraq Rose After War

The Associated Press BOSTON - The death rate among Iraqi children rose dramatiin the months after the Gulf War, largely because of an out-break of diarrhea caused by damaged water and sewage systems, re-searchers reported Thursday.

In the first seven months of 1991, about 46,900 more children died than would have been expected, according to a study published in the New England Journal of MediAfter serving as deputy division commander and later leading a division, he was put in command of the 3d Corps, and was on hand for the crossing of the Rhine River. His corps spearheaded the drive across Germany.

After serving to Greece during the civil war, he was at 1st Army Headquarters in Maryland when he was summoned to command allied forces to Korea.

He was born in New Jersey, a son of William and Medora Van Fleet. His father had served in the Union Army during the Civil War. His grandfather, Joshua, served in the New York militia during the

He was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy in 1911, and graduated with the class of 1915. which included Omar N. Bradley and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

After infantry company duty during a tense period on the Mexi-can border in 1916, Lieutenant Van Fleet took machine-gun training. He went to France as a captain and received command of the 17th Ma-chine Gun Battalion of the 6th Division. In the rugged fighting during the Meuse-Argonne offensive in October 1918, he was wounded m action several days before the war ended on Nov. 11.

His service in the peacetime army of the 1920s included assign-ments to Reserve Officer Training Corps units to several state colleges. For several years, he was commandant of cadets and head football coach at the University of Florida. He was returned to field service in 1925 as a battalion commander with the 42d Infantry in the Panama Canal Zone.



For General Van Fleet, a long and honored military record.

Dr. David Bodian, 82, a medical scientist and teacher whose work helped lay the groundwork for the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines, died Friday in Baltimore of Parkinson's

Edward M. M. Warburg, 84, a bilanthropist and benefactor of the arts, died of heart failure Monday io Norwalk, Connecticut. In (933, he was a founding father of the American Ballet, the precursor of the New York City Ballet.

Dr. Leon Jacobson, 8(, who was the chief doctor for the research team that created the atomic bomb. died Sunday in Chicago of complications from lung cancer. Charles H. Shattuck, 81, a

Shakespearean scholar and an au-

thority on the performance of the

playwright's works in the United States, died Monday in Urbana, Illinois after a long illness. Gerald Hauley, 76, an Irish nov-elist whose days in Africa inspired "The Consul at Sunset" and other books depicting the decline of the empire, died in Dun Leaoghaire on Sept. 7 after a short illness.

anybody else alive," said Yves Cavalier, head VAISON-LA-ROMAINE, France - As of the rescue operation in Vaison-la-Rohopes of floding further survivors dimmed. maine, the town worst affected by the floods. "It's an indescribable tragedy," said May-or Claude Haut of Vaison-La-Romaine, rescue officials said Thursday that they

Flood Deaths Expected to Surpass 80 in France

feared that more than 80 people had died in where at least 21 people died and at least 30 houses and a campsite were destroyed when the Ouveze River rose up to 50 feet (about 16 At (east 34 people were killed and nearly meters) to engulf the ancient town Tuesday.

50 were missing after rivers in the Ardèche, Drôme and Vaueluse regions burst their The water rose so fast that vehicles were banks Tuesday, creating torrents of mud and sucked up by the current and hurled over ioundated bridges. Onlookers watched help-lessly as people inside cars and caravans water that devastated towns and campsites, toppled trees and houses and swept away cars and caravans. Five Belgians, a German waved from behind the windows to despair. A pedestrian crossing the Roman bridge in Vaison when the floods struck elung on to a "Technically there is no chance of finding

road sign for three hours before losing strength and being swept away. A mother fighting the current dropped her baby out of exhaustion and saw him drown.

Although floods have regularly occurred in the area, Tuesday's disaster was the worst in the modern history of Vaison, 25 miles (48 kilometers) north of Avignon. The Roman bridge was last submerged in 1616.

As the toll mounted, ecologists and others threatened officials with lawsuits for allowing rapid construction of homes and campsites to flood zones. Others said deforestation contributed to the flooding.

Most of the territory along the banks of the Ouveze has been turned in the last 30

Some locals blamed the severity of the flood's impact on the decline of agriculture in the area, saying the soil would have with-

stood better if more had been cultivated. Interior Minister Paul Quilès declared the area a disaster zone and earmarked 5 million francs (\$1 million) to help victims and restore the extensive damage

Officials said river levels were stabilizing but would not return to normal until the end of the week. Drinking water was still unavailable in some areas.

MAJOR: No Early British Return to the Rate System

should only involve itself to areas more effectively than individual

the flash floods and fierce storms that swept

through southeastern France this week.

and a Dutchman were among the dead.

Furthermore, Mr. Major insisted that the ERM would have to be revamped before Britain could

think of re-entering the system.

At this juncture few observers profess to be able to see any logic in Britain quickly beating a path back to the ERM. "Having been through

WASHINGTON - The Senate

Appropriations Committee has voted to link much of U.S. aid to

the former Soviet Union to a pull-

out of troops from the Baltie states.

where the Community could set any hurry to put its head back in the vice by re-entering the exchange rate mechanism," said Kevin Gardiner, chief economist at Warburg Securities. But the problem now confront-

ing Mr. Major's government is to find some credible alternative. "The chancellor of the Exche-

quer has had less than a week to make a new economic rudder and

Aid to Moscow Linked to Pullout

ing a \$14.3 hillion foreign aid bill for the year starting October 1 that includes \$10 billion in housing loan guarantees for Israel. The guaran-tees, to be spread over five years, had been held up for nearly a year It also approved \$12 billion reby a dispute over Israel's settlequested by the Bush administration ments policy on the West Bank. for a U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund, which is chief economist at Daiwa Institute helping Russia reform its economy.

all the pain of the past week I don't doesn't have one by the end of think that the government will be today's debate he will have to go." Nonetheless, British economists an alike were generally elated to be free of the strict controls of the ERM. "Our view is that we are disappointed that we came out of the ERM, but now that we are out the government should take the opportunity to stimulate recovery," said Neil Williams, head of economic policy at the Confed-eration of British Industry.

On a day in which Ford, Britain's largest car manufacturer, an-nounced layoffs of 1,500 workers, and Rolls-Royce announced it was cutting its work force by 950 nearly a third - few observers saw any danger of Britain's economy, much less its inflation rate, overheating any time soon.

Most economists predict that by the end of next year inflation will be one-half to one full percentage point higher than it would have been had Britain stayed in the ERM, with the bulk of that coming from the effect of a devalued pound

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JAPAN: A Guilty Plea Is Expected

(Continued from page 1) be tacitly admitting that he lied last groups, were used by Mr. Kanemonth when, to resigning as vice maru and other leaders of the Lib-president of the party, he said that eral Democratic Party to silence an aide accepted the money for distribution to ruling-party candidates running for re-election. In fact, according to the news reports, Mr. Kanemarn's statement to the money was solely for his own polit-

For the past several weeks Mr. Kanemaru has been virtualiv locked in his apartment in a wealthy neighborhood of Tokyo, with Japanese reporters, small bands of protesters and riot policemen surrounding the building's

modest gate. While the Japanese public is accustomed to financial scandals in-volving prominent politicians.

yakuza, Japan's organized crime critics and funnel money back to the party's coffers.

In a country where plea bargaining is virtually unheard of, and where suspects can almost never prosecutors will admit that the evade a "request" from prosecutors to answer questions — even though there is no subpoena to Japan -Mr. Kanemaru has somehow suc-

Prosecutors appear to have given up hope of getting him to answer questions about his relationships with organized crime figures.

There are some indications, how ever, that prosecutors agreed to take the statement and move for a "summary indictment" because what has startled people in this case they feared a more serious is the growing evidence that the of bribery would not stick. they feared a more serious charge

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being a parent; she fielded ques-tions with a group of other mothers during a regular advice feature called "Cluh Mom."

Later, in a flurry of satellite in-terviews with local television stations, she told one reporter after another, "I want to he a voice for children to the White House."

Mrs. Clinton says she has simply Mrs. Clinton says she has sumply learned to provide a context for her life. Ms. Clarke, among many other observers, sees a simpler explanation: The Clinton campaign simply "pulled her back" into a more traditional role for a first lady con-

tender. In the current psychosexual min-efield, it is probably not surprising that the Republicans stepped on a ew mines in Houston. Kathleen Hall Jamieson, an ex-

pert in political communication at the University of Pennsylvania, has been conducting focus groups throughout the year to monitor what voters retain about the campaign.
She said she was struck, in the

aftermath of Houston, that one phrase above all others was reisined by many of the women in her groups: Marilyn Quayle's comment that "most women do not wish to liberated from their essential natures as women."

Ms. Jamieson said: "The level of

hostility toward her and that speech was very high. I think there was some resentment at someone standing up and telling women what choices are and are not approprinte for them."

The speech was widely taken as a

lightly veiled attack on Mrs. Clinton, an attempt to create an unflattering contrast between the fulltime careerist (Mrs. Clinton) and the woman who quit her legal prac-tice to help her husband and raise her family (Mrs. Quayle),

Mrs. Quayle, to a recent article for The New York Times, said that her speech was in no way meant to criticize working women, and was

badly misinterpreted.
In general, there were strong reasons for the Republicans to back down; Recent polls showed big ma-

(Continued from page 1) jorities rejecting or ignoring the called "Home" to chat about the case against Mrs. Clinton present-campaign, but also to talk about ed at the Republican convention; a Times-Mirror poll released on Thursday showed that 73 percent of those who followed those criticisms said they disagreed with them. And a majority of women now work ontside the home.

ARMS:

Submarine Sales (Continued from page 1)

are to provide power and will be under international safeguards. But Washington had urged Moscow not to make the sale because it fears that Tehran will not keep its commitments and is seeking to de-

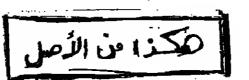
velop nuelear weapons. What it all means is that the Russians will sell anything to anybody to earn hard currency and to keep production lines going," said Norman Polmar, an expert on naval forces, referring to the subma-rines. "It also shows that Iran again wants to be a regional power

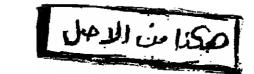
The United States asked Moscow not to proceed with the sale. The Russians maintain that the deal with Iran was agreed to before the breakup of the Soviet Union and that Moscow was obliged to fulfill the contract. Pentagon officials said. They added that the first of the subs recently left Riga, Latvia, where Russians have been training an Iranian crew, for a Russian naval base in the Baltic area, apparently in preparation for its trip to Iran.

Russia has already sold 12 of the Kilo-class subs to India, Algeria, Romania and Poland. They are equipped with six tubes for firing rpedoes or laying mines.

Nonnuclear submarines use their diesel engines to operate on or near the surface and to recharge their batteries. When fully submerged and operating on the batteries, the names run all but silent. The British searched in vain for an Argentine diesel submarine over a 30-

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Students Support Chinese Demands

Agence France-Presse
BELIING — Chinese university students on Thursday joined a growing movement to press Em-peror Akibito of Japan to apologiza for World War II atrocities and to gree to reparations.

Student representatives from three of Beijing's leading universi-ties tried to deliver an open letter to the Japanese Embassy here, but gave up and returned to campus after about 20 uniformed police-

It was the first time since prodemocracy demonstrations in 1989 that students have attempted to openly protest. The heavy police presence clearly signaled the govemment's concern

The students on Wednesday also launched a petition campaign aimed at gathering support on Bej-ing campuses and had already col-lected agnatures at Beijing Univer-sity, People'a University and Beijing Normal University three of Beijing Normal University, three of the most active in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

Students staged anti-Japanese demonstrations in September 1985 that the authorities moved quickly to nip in the bud.

The open letter demanded that Akihito "publicly apologize for crimes" committed during Japan's 1931-1945 occupation of China, when an estimated 20 million Chinese were killed or injured.

It also called on the Japanese government to uncooditionally make "reasonable" war reparations and withdraw from a disputed is-land group in the East China Sea.

Akihito, the son of the wartime emperor, Hirohito, is scheduled to begin a six-day visit to China Oct. 23, the first ever by a Japanese emperor. The Chinese government has said it would not ask him to apologize.

Beijing formally dropped its demands for war reparations when it established diplomatic relations with Tokyo on Sept. 29, 1972.

But a grassroots movement has rekindled the issue, arguing that the Chinese people still have the right to seek damages.

A new group, the Chinese Popular Committee for Japanese Reparations, was formed Sept. 15 and has already collected more than 300,000 signatures for a petition demanding \$180 billion in reparations, its organizer said.



WRECKAGE AS PLAYGROUND — Children playing on a broken bridge at the Cambodia-Thailand border Thursday. A United Nations vehicle fell through the wooden bridge last week.

ASIAN TOPICS

New Islamic Bank Is Indonesia's First

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, now has its first Islamic bank, The Associated Press reports from Jakarta, Bank Muamalet Indonesia has an initial capital of about \$52.4 million. President Suharto is listed as one of the bank's 23 "founding fathers."
Establishment of the bank is

widely seen as one of several moves by Mr. Suharto to rally support for his secular govern-ment in traditional Islamic circles. He also made his first pil-

grimage to Mecca last year.

Islamic banking is based on a verse of the Koran forbidding usury. Instead of charging interest on its loans, the bank gets a

fixed percentage of the borrower's profits.

Eighty-eight percent of Indo-nesia's 180 million people are Muslims. Indonesia is a secular state, however, with no official religion. Promoting a change to an Islamic state is against the law. People convicted of being Muslim radicals have been sentenced to death or long prison

But the rise of Islamic consciousness has prompted Mr. Suharto to make several concessions in recent years. Islamic courts have been established to hear family cases. Women students in state schools are allowed to wear yells in class,

Around Asia

For India's border guards along the Rajasthan desert fron-tier with Pakistan, stray camels ambling through the haze have become more than a familiar part of the barren landscape, Some of the animals have been found to be carrying packages of

heroin strapped to their stomachs. Anti-narcotic officials say the "homing" camel is a new twist in smuggling and one that, given the vastness of the frontier, is difficult to combat. "This one has stumped us," a senior intelligence official conceded. A Westorn diplomat said, "The concept of homing camels is unique in the world." The camels are trained to head for a certain des-

tination where they presumably are rewarded with food and wa-

With a growing United Nations peacekeeping presence in Cambodia, some people are naming their babies after UNTAC, the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia. The acronym has a pleasant sound in the Khmer language. One parent said those who name their children Untac want them to be "powerful like UNTAC, and drive around everywhere in fast cars like UN-

Arthur Highee

U.S. Focuses on MIA 'Discrepancy Cases'

By Barbara Crossette
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — On May 18, 1965, when the U.S. war in Indochina was still in its early stages, Captain David L. Hrdlicka, an air force pilot, was shot down in an F-105D over Laos. He walked away from the crash and into oblivion.

There is evidence he survived. The Communist Pathet Lao who apparently captured him took pic-Apparently captured in m took pre-tures. One appeared in Pravda in Moscow and in a daily newspaper in Hanoi; another was later dis-played in a Laotion museum. His arrest was announced on the radio. The Pathet Lao also broadcast a tape recording, purportedly made by the pilot, asking for pardon and

In Washington, Captain Hrdlic-ka was registered as a prisoner of war, an early entry on a list that would contain hundreds by Jannary 1973, when Hanoi and the United States signed a peace agree-

Captain Hrdlicka was oot among the 591 U.S. servicemen re-turned by Hanoi in Operation Homecoming. Like Private First Class Jon Sparks, ambushed in central Vietnam; Lieutenant Ronald W. Dodge, who ejected from an aircraft over North Vietnam, and dozens of other servicemen and a few civilians in official custody, Captain Hrdlicka became a "dis-

crepancy case."
His name was placed on a noncomprehensive list of 82 service-men who inexplicably did not re-turn, to be presented to Hanoi a few months after the Paris peace treaty negotiated by Henry A. Kis-singer, President Richard Nixon's national security adviser and later secretary of state. The Vietnamese never responded to requests for in-

formation. Amid the blizzard of documents circulating in Washington as the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs tries to narrow and identify the number of Americans who may have been left behind in Indochina when U.S. forces were withdrawn, that just-declassified 1973 list has become another piece

in an unfinished puzzle. In hearings this week, Nixon administration officials have sparred over what was known in 1973 about the missing, reflecting confusioo and controversy

None of the officials, including Mr. Kissinger and two former secretaries of defense, Melvin R. Laird and James R. Schlesinger, were able to say categorically that no Americans had been left behind.

In dispute was whether anyone could confirm that Americans were alive in captivity when the United States withdrew. Hanoi had denied access to its prisons to the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red Cross.

Separate investigations by the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Senate Select Committee indiand 200 discrepancy cases awaiting attention by Hanoi or the Laotian

government But the two lists, while similar in length — 133 for the Select Committee, 135 for the Pentagoo — are not the same; only about 40 names

appear on both. When Operation Homecoming began in early 1973, the United States listed 1,929 servicemen as POW-MIA. About 1,100 others were classified as KIA-BNR — killed in action, body not recov-

All people lost in covert operations were apparently on those lists, including 150 to 200 whose places of death were falsified to hide their presence in Cambodia or

Laos, where Americans were not supposed to be. Nixon administration officials

have said repeatedly this week that these figures do not mean there were large numbers - if any - of live prisoners identifiable absolutely by name and location when U.S. forces were withdrawn, only that there were a significant oumber known to have survived a crash or capture. Hanoi has consistently maintained it held no U.S. prison-

ers after 1973. Nearly all officials involved with the POW-MIA issue are certain that no Americans have survived. Many family members believe oth-

Officially, Washington still lists

the cases involving unrecovered bodies. Of the remainder, the Defense Department says Hanoi

could help explain at least 80 to 100 of its 135 discrepancy cases. What officials are looking for inthese cases is not living Americans They are looking instead for expla-nations of what happened to those-who did not come home.

Some cases have been closed by Hanoi. The remains of Lieuteriant Dodge, of whom Vietnamese officials denied knowledge in 1973, were later returned without expla-nation. His story has become a symbol of the mysterious behavior of Vietnam on the issue.

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CREATING THE RIGHT CHEMISTRY



As General Election Nears By Kenneth B. Noble

New York Times Service LUANDA, Angola - With national elections less than a week away, a wave of violence apparently intended to disrupt the voting

has swept through Angola. Diplomats and political analysts said most incidents appear to have been started by supporters of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as UNITA, which has been fighting the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola since the latter seized power in 1975. UNITA officials said their

troops were provoked by government forces.

UNITA emerged from the bush in May 1991, after a cease-fire mediated by the United States, Portugal and the Soviet Union, and is fitfully struggling to convert itself from a tenacious guerrilla army into a political party.

The United States channeled ds of millions of dollars in

to offset the large-scale backing the Luanda government had received from the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The Angola radio said that heavily armed UNITA troops had taken over an airport in Cuito, in the central province of Bie. UNITA loyalists were also reported to have captured a plane operated by the national airlines.

The radio said the troops had threatened to shout down any aircraft trying to land or take off, a report that UNITA officials have

Earlier, UNITA officials said its forces in Bie had captured 11 police officers after what they said was an attempt to assassinate the UNITA leader, Jonas Savimbi.

The state radio also reported that 13 people had been killed over the weekend in political violence, including eight in a clash between the police and UNITA supporters in the eastern city of Luena.

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U.S. officials monitoring the campaign for parliament and the presidency say they are still confident that conditions are ripe for fair elections on Tuesday.

While many of the incidents "have been serious," said Lois Cecsarini, a State Department official, "to this time the parties have demonstrated the will to control the

There has been no independent verification of the incidents, and UNITA officials said they were victims of unfair coverage by the government oetworks and papers.

In several instances over the last few weeks, videotapes were clearly edited to flatter President José Eduardo dos Santos and inflate the size of his rallies and to make Mr. Savimbi look less imposing.

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Starving Somalia — Can the Body Politic Survive?

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Past Service
MOGADISHU, Somalia — Just over 30 years after it officially became an independent nation, Somalia essentially has ceased to exist. The land mass on world maps that defines the horn of Africa is now a dangerous and chaotic scene of clan-based warfare, feudal fiefdoms, marauding freelance gunmen and widespread famine that kills thousands each day.

As international efforts expand to rescue 1.5 million people from imminent starvation caused by drought and civil war, many Somalis, relief workers and foreign analysts are also turning their attention to an even more difficult, long-term question: Can the state that was once Somalia ever be pieced back together?

Some Western analysts say the answer lies in democracy. Many Somalis say that only a new military strongman can harness the warring clans. Some see a future nation built on traditions - the system of village elders, or the pillars of Islam, the religion

of the vast majority of Somalis. Others say the United Nations must establish a trusteeship over the territory. Still others are asking whether there even

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should be a united Somali state and propose instead a loose confederation of autonomous clan-based regions.

"Is it in fact necessary to try to restore a nation-state with a centralized government?" asked Said Samatar, a native Somali who is a professor of African history at Rutgers University. "Would it not be legitimate to work with the many clanstates that have emerged? Who says it is the natural condition of human beings to live in centralized states?"

The emergence of several Somali clanstates already appears to be a reality. The formerly British-ruled north, dominated by the Issak clan, has declared itself the independent Somaliland Republic, with its capital at Hargeysa. The oortheast is now in the hands of a sub-clan that has established a state within a state, while the south-central region stretching to the Keoyan border is controlled by another subcian, led by General Mohammed Farrah

Mogadishu, the capital, is a divided city, with separate economies, currencies and administrations. The north end of the city. controlled by President Ali Mahdi Mo-hammed's sub-clan, is circulating its own

"new shillings," at a rate of 35,000 to the dollar. It has some semblance of order and

a uniformed police force.

The south side of the capital, under General Aidid, uses the old Somali shilling, at 7,500 to the dollar. Here there are more incidents of random violence, more orchestrated looting of relief supplies and more armed young men outside the clan leadership's control.

The questions about Somalia's political future are more than academic. Without some form of governmental authority, Somalia is likely to be a perpetual ward of the international community, living off relief and relegated to anarchy.

Andrew Natsios, President George Bush's coordinator of Somali relief efforts, said: "If we don't start putting something together, we will be there forever, and we don't have the resources to be there forever. It doesn't help anybody for countries to be in the constant relief mode."

Somalis seem rarely to agree on anything, but they do seem united on the idea that democracy as a solution is a long way off. "Military rule can run this country, but democracy. no." said Mohammed Sheikh Ali Jumale, a lawyer and advertising executive. Maybe we will be ready for demogracy in 2,000 years. The whole idea of a territory with de-

fined borders and a central government is 2 Western idea," said T. Frank Crigler, 2 Washington-area consultant who was U.S. ambassador to Somalia from 1987 to 1990. "I think the Western state idea is an artificial imposition on the Somali people,"

When Mohammed Siad Barre ruled Somalia from 1969 to 1991, he was able to hold the state together through repression, but as the West pressed him to make political and economic reforms. Mr. Crigler said, "we took away one of his most important tools - his repressive

As rebels opposing Mr. Barre closed in on the capital, the artificial Somali state unraveled and Somalis were left in essentially their precolonial condition - a collection of regionally based clans, newly laden with modern arms.

Those searching for building blocks on which to construct a new Somalia see possible renewal of such traditions as the system of village elders and the Islamic faith. "Maybe Islamic fundamentalism is the key to it," Mr. Crigler said.

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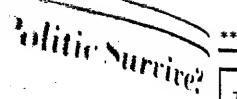
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Bush Iran-Contra Denials Under Attack

WASHINGTON — George Bush, while vice president, became an influential "advoof separate arms deliveries to Iran for each freed hostage at a critical stage of the Reagan administration's covert dealings with Tehran, according to Richard V. Secord, the chief logistics officer for the operation.

Mr. Secord's allegations, contained in a new book distributed Thursday at a press conference here, could add to the credibility problems confronting Mr. Bush on the Irancontra scandal as the presidential campaign heats up. Mr. Bush has repeatedly said he was not a decision maker in the Iran-contra affair and once described himself as having been "out of the loop."

"Bush has claimed to have been 'out of the loop' with respect to the Iran initiative. That's absolutely false," said Mr. Secord, a former air force major general who ran covert arms

pipelines to Iran and Nicaraguan rebels for the Reagan White House. Meanwhile, Howard Teicher, a former Na-

nonal Security Council staffer, said on ABC News's "Nightline" that "I myself briefed the then-vice president several times" about the

lo still another development, informed sources said a note among the papers of Caspar W. Weinberger refers to a meeting attended by Mr. Bush when Mr. Weinberger, then defense secretary, expressed opposition to covert arms sales to Iran.

The note, which appears to contradict Mr. Bush's repeated assertion that he was never present when Mr. Weinberger or George P. Shultz, then secretary of state, objected to the covert sales, was among classified documents being reviewed for Mr. Weinberger's npcom-

Mr. Secord said Mr. Bush nudged the initiative for secret arms sale to Iran forward

after being briefed by the head of Israeli counterintelligence, Amiram Nir, during a July 1986 visit to Jerusalem.

A White House spokeswoman, Judy Smith, reacted to Mr. Secord's remarks by saying "There is on truth in his allegation" and that the matter has been fully looked

into, CNN reported.

The spokesman for Governor Bill Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, demanded Thursday that Mr. Bush "come clean with the American people" ou his administra-tion's dealings with Iraq and Iran.

Time after time," George Stephanopoulos said, "his administration secretly deals with dictators and terrorists, to the detriment of U.S. interests. Then, when the policy blows Bush and other officials deny the facts and try to cover up. When it comes to Iraq, like Iran-contra before it, Bush's flat denials are consistently refuted by the evidence."
(WP, Reuters, AP, IHT)

Pentagon Finds Flaws In Wings Of C-17 Jets

By Ralph Vartabedian

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — A Pentagon nvestigation has found serious defects that could result in premature cracks in the wings of the McDon-nell Douglas C-17 cargo jet — po-tentially the most severe problem yet in the long-troubled program. The flaws, revealed in a report nhtained by the Los Angeles

Times, have prompted questions about the safety of the aircraft. Remedying the problem would significantly increase the program's cost and further delay production.
The investigation by the Pentagon's inspector geoeral means more bad news for the company's Douglas Aircraft unit in Long

Beach, California, where thousands of workers have lost their jobs in recent years. The air force plans to buy 120 C-17s for an estimated \$40 billion. The program is already about \$1 billion over hudget, a cost borne so far by the company, and develop-ment of the C-17 is more than a

Potential safety risks resulting from the wing flaws and the cost to remedy the defects are not known, but the government is "not protected" financially and needs to urgently conduct testing to determine the extent of the problem, according a memorandum to air force officials attached to the report.

The investigation found that the quality standards for the C-17 did not comply with government re-

Israeli-Syrian Talks Wind Up Without Major Breakthrough By Jackson Diehl ever, the negociators appear to have fallen victim to initial success, offi-Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Israel and

Syria ended the latest round of Middle East peace talks here Thursday without achieving the breakthrough that both govern-meots last week saw as possible and that had stirred excitement and apprehension around the Middle East, Israeli and Arab officials

Israeli negotiators had made the negotiation of a joint Israeli-Syrian statement of principles their key goal in the current round of talks, and Syrian spokesmen said last week they would be willing to draw up the document. This prospect was seen by American officials as a potential breakthrough in the 10month-old negotiations and held the promise of a historic step by Israel and Syria toward mutual ac-

Although significant differences remain, the atmosphere and tone of the talks were "infinitely better than before," The Associated Press reported from Washington, quoting Israel's chief negotiator

Syria, Itamar Rabinovich.
["For the first time the parties became engaged," he said. "We dived into deep water, into the

[All four sets of Arab-Israeli talks will resume Oct. 21, be said. [Negotiators from both sides said Thursday that this was the first round since the talks began in October in which the sides engaged in

real negotiation.]
The Israeli-Syrian talks have become the focus of attention in the overall Middle East negotiations. which also include talks between Israel and Jordan, Lebanon and the Israel in exchange for "total with-Palestinians. To some extent, how- drawal

cials said.

Signs of progress earlier this month, including a statement by Israel accepting the exchange of occupied Syrian territory for peace, prompted a stormy reaction in Israel from right-wing opponents of withdrawal as well as pressure on Syria from the Palestinians and other Arabs, who were eager that Syria not strike a separate agree-ment with the oew left-wing Israeli

government.
Israeli and Syrian officials said that while they had agreed on several key elements of a joint statement outlining a solution to their 44-year-old conflict, wark had stalled over a so-far-intractable dispute about priorities. Syria says it will not discuss the

terms of a peace settlement until Israel commits itself to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights it captured in 1967, while Israel says it will not discuss withdrawal until Syria makes it clear that it is ready to sign a formal peace treaty and normalize relations.

While expressing disappointment over that continuing standoff. spokesmen from both sides as well as American officials sought to strike a positive overall tone about

the negotiations. "Progress has not matched our expectations," said Mr. Rabino-

vich. "But if you look at the round as a whole, I'm pleased." The Syrian foreign minister. Fa-

rouk Shara, meeting at the United Nations with Acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger, told reporters that his government was prepared for "total peace" with

A senior American official said after the meeting that while he formulation." Mr. Eagleburger had "heard something interesting" from Mr. Shara that would be conveyed to Israel and that might have an impact on future rounds of ne-

gotiation Syrian officials said Israeli negouators had pledged to "reformulate" their position before the next : round of talks, raising hopes that the current stall can soon be over-

2 Admirals Quit in Navy Sex Scandal

WASHINGTON - The U.S.

Navy's acting civilian chief on Thursday accepted the resignation of two admirals accused of botching the navy's investigation of the Tailhook sex harassment scandal. He said a third admiral would be reassigned. Sean O'Keefe, the acting secre-

the two admirals' requests for retirement, and be vowed that in the future the navy would have an improved capability to investigate allegations of misconduct. Mr. O'Keefe said that Navy Un-

tary of the navy, said be accepted

dersecretary J. Daniel Hnward would remain in his job. Mr. O'Keefe called him merely a "referee" in the botched investigation. At a Pentagon news conference, Mr. O'Keefe announced that he was replacing Rear Admiral Duvall

M. Williams, commander of the Naval Investigative Service, which handles criminal inquiries, and replacing him with a senior civilian official. He said Admiral Williams had requested retirement. Mr. O'Keefe also announced that Rear Admiral John Gordon.

the navy judge advocate general, would be granted his request for retirement. Admiral Gordon is the navy's chief legal officer. Rear Admiral George Washing-

ton Davis, the navy inspector general, will he reassigned, Mr. O'Keefe said, after the Senate confirms his replacement. Mr. O'Keefe said he had decided

not in remove Admiral Howard because he was confident that he had performed as well as possible during the Tailhook investigation. He said the failure was not Admiral officers reporting to him.

Bush and Baker Differed on Iraq in '90

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - As the Bush administration was trying to preserve its friendship with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq just before he invaded Kuwait, Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d was urgently warning that Iraq was secretly using American technology in its huge arms buildup, according to government documents.

Mr. Baker's warning, aimed at tightening restrictions on the sale of U.S. technology, occurred at the same time that the adminis tration was still privately assuring Mr. Saddam that the United States wanted better

The mixed signals suggested that the administration was torn over how to deal with the Iraqi leader as evidence that the relation-

ship had turned sour increased. The documents, made public this week hy Representative Samuel Gejdenson, Demo-

that seems to contradict President George Bush's public assertions in recent months that the United States did nothing to enhance Iraq's nuclear, chemical, biological or ballistic missile programs.

In his statements, Mr. Bush seemed to be saying that the government itself did not make military-related sales to Iraq. But from 1985 to 1990 the two administra-

tions approved the sale of \$1.5 billion in technology and equipment that had civilian and military use through a complicated li-

On July 25, 1990, as Mr. Saddam was nassing tens of thousands of troops on the Kuwaiti border, Mr. Baker sent a one-paragraph note to Robert A. Mosbacher, who was then secretary of commerce, urging the imposition of new controls on the sale of equipment and technology that could contribute to Iraq's arms programs.

ceived six days earlier drafted by the heads of four State Department offices explaining the need for new export controls.

"Iraq's extraordinarily aggressive weapons proliferation efforts make this situation urgent," Mr. Baker wrote.

On the same day Mr. Baker sent the letter, April C. Glaspie, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, was assuring Mr. Saddam in a meeting in Baghdad that Mr. Bush had instructed her to "broaden and deepen our relations with

Irao. Mr. Saddam also said he wanted American friendship, "although we will not pant for it," he told the ambassador.

On July 28, five days before Mr. Saddam moved into Kuwait, Mr. Bush sent him a similarly warm response.

"My administration continues to desire better relations with Iraq," Mr. Bush said.

Rabin Runs Into a Public Opinion Roadblock Over the Golan Heights

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service JERUSALEM - Selling the Israeli public on the possible need to give up part of the Golan Heights is proving to be more of a challenge for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin than it had seemed when he raised the idea two weeks ago.

At first, most Israelis accepted Mr. Rabin's land-for-peace proposal with surprising equanimity, apparently trusting that the former General Rabin was not about in strike a deal with Syria that would compromise national security.

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Bul as peace talks continue inconclusively in Washington, Israeli opposition to territorial concessions has percolated and expanded, setting in motion a national debate on Israel's disputed territories that has acquired a sense of urgency not

Whether that urgency is warranted is another matter, for nothing tangible seems likely to happen for a while.

Mr. Rabin reportedly told a parliamentary committee that "large-scale decisions" were at stake and they would have to be made at a higher level than the negotiating teams in Washington.

His comments added fuel to recent reports, played down by Israeli officials, that the United States and Egypt are trying arrange a meeting between Israel's leader and President Hafez Assad

Despite occasional bursts of optimism that the two countries are nearing a breakthrough, a lol must still be done to bridge the gulf between Syria's demands for return of the entire Golan Heights and Israel's insistence on a full-blown peace treaty that, in the prime minister's words. can stand on its own two feet."

Not surprisingly, the 12,000 Jewish settlers with homes and livelihoods on the Golan are generally

against any territorial concessions.

Most of them voted for Mr. Rabin's Labor Party that the Rabin government was endangering Israein the Israeli election in June, and some feel

betrayed now by the prime minister, whn in his campaign had played down the possibility of giv-ing back land to Syria and instead had emphasized that Israel would "never come down" from the Golan Heights.

Hundreds of Golan printesters demonstrated outside parliament on Monday, including some chanting, "Rabin is a traitor!"

Other Golan settlers plan to march this week to Jerusalem. Ten days ago, Israeli negotiators returning to Washington for the peace talks were sent on their way accompanied by jeers from several thousand anti-government protesters at

In parliament, the rightist Likud party, toppled by Labor in June and still something of a sham-

bles, has managed to galvanize itself on this issue. Il demanded and won a special parliamentary session that was broadcast live Monday and gave its leaders a national andience for their assertions li security by even thinking about giving up a piece nf the Golan.

The result Likud said, would be a meaningless peace treaty that would not stand on its own and would instead find Israel on its knees. One of the few guides to what the public at large

may be thinking was an opininn poll published last Friday by Yediot Aharonot, the country's largestselling newspaper.

In the survey, 50 percent said that under no circumstances would they yield any part of the Golan, while 34 percent said they would give back but a small part. Only 6 percent said they would hand it all back.

The arguments raised are hardly new, focusing on familiar questions of whether the Golan Heights still have the same strategic value in an age of Scud missiles, whether Mr. Assad is a man of his word, whether Israel can sign any accord with a dictatorial government that can never assure contimuity of policy.

But the debate has a conspicuously different texture from the mure familiar disputes of recent years over the occupied West Bank and Gaza

When it comes to the Golan, the fights are for the most part over cold security questions and not the ideological claims in God-given land or the anguish of military occupation that gn far to define the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the West

And unlike many West Bank settlers, Israelis nn the Golan acknowledge that they are likely to give in if the government orders them off the land and nol take a defiant stand, as some settlers did when Israel gave Egypt back its last piece of Sinai 10

years ago.
In that sense, Golan residents are probably more typical of average Israelis than West Bank settlers are. So the pain they now feel may be more widely shared by other Israelis than the unhappiness of West Bank residents who also feel they Howard's hnt that of officials and have been wronged by the Rabin government.



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Float or Get Together

As Europeans bitterly assess the damage, this month's wave of currency speculation continues to churn up the markets. Episodes like these are immensely costly to governments defending their currencies, and among the losers they leave a deep sense of having been wronged. Speculators have never been popular figures. France's embattled minister of finance grimly ob-served on Wednesday that in the French Revolution they were guillotined. But controlling these immense flows of money is now beyond the power of governments. Nicholas Brady, U.S. secretary of the Treasury, estimates that the money moving through the world's foreign exchange markets approaches \$1 trillion a day - 10 times the entire output of the world's economy.

Speculation becomes inevitable when governments inadvertently set up a oneway bet. Traders knew two weeks ago that the British pound might be devalued against the German mark. But they also knew that there was no chance, zero, that the reverse would happen — that the pound might rise against the mark. It meant that a trader who sold pounds to buy marks risked nothing and might gain a lot. Most of the sellers were people who thought of themselves not as speculators but merely as prudent managers — corporate treasurers, for example, who wanted

to avoid any risk of loss in a devaluation. By selling pounds massively they forced down its price and the rumors of devaluation became self-fulfilling.

It was not the first time. Speculation on a much smaller scale in 1973 destroyed the world's postwar system of fixed exchange rates. The early 1970s mark the point at which private capital in international finance decisively outweighed governments' reserves. Ever since then the American dollar has floated, its price set by daily trading and not by government decision.

The British were vulnerable because their pound was not floating. Britain was committed to holding it close to a fixed rate against the other currencies of the European monetary system. The idea — a very good idea - was to encourage trade with other European countries by guaranteeing the exchange rates. But the moral of the story seems to be that any sort of fixed-

rate currency system is dangerous.

Countries follow different policies, and they grow at different rates. The massive scale of this month's waves of speculation seems to argue that there is no safe position for Europeans between floating, as Britain and Italy are now doing, or moving to a common currency, as the Maastricht treaty would require.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Time for UN Reforms

In this post-Cold War dawn when immense new responsibilities are being heaped upon the United Nations, it is necessary (however disheartening) to learn of the structural and managerial inadequacies that di-minish that still vital organization. This is the sum of this week's series of detailed reports by Washington Post writers William Branigin and Keith Richburg on the management and mismanagement of the institution. "Reform" has been in the air at the United Nations for some time, and they informed readers what reform must be about.

The writers found a sprawling jerry-built bureaucratic domain lying on the edge of, and often beyond, executive control. This was so in major programs ranging through development, relief and peacekeeping and in other programs conducted in some obscurity. Waste, inefficiency and corruption would be bad enough if it were just a case of money, time and manpower misspent. It becomes worse when the costs are measured in lives and opportunities lost and communities and countries let down. The contrast between the high purposes of the United Nations and the low level of delivery of some of its services is stark and should be regarded as intolerable. The new secretary-general, Butros Butros

form. Like many others, the American government voices strong support but does not always measure up to its own professed standards. It will not be easy to bring under control a bureaucracy so unaccustomed to regular and responsible oversight. The "culture" of the United Nations tends to favor informal accommodation among the many members seeking billets and perks, over the requirements of organizational efficiency. Among the Third World low-dues majority there is a visible tendency to resist manage-rial strictures as decrees from the high-dues

Which is to say that at the United Nations, and not only there, everything is political. But that does not relieve either individuals who serve the institution or nations that benefit from it from redoubling their determination to make the place equal to its expanding mission, President George Bush offered some suggestions for peacekeeping, among other items, to the General Assembly the other day. The United States and all the other deadbeats need to pay up their dues promptly. All these things need

developed countries.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Leave for the Family

In a late-night veto designed to escape attention, President George Bush has rejected a family leave bill that guarantees time off, without pay, to workers dealing with family or medical emergencies or a new child. But congressional Democrats and Republicans can still give a boost to family values by overriding the veto.

The bill provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid

leave to an employee with a newborn or newly adopted child or with a serious family or medical emergency. It applies to businesses with 50 or more employees, but exempts the highest-paid workers. These are reasonable provisions well within the benefits provided in other industrial countries.

Mr. Bush says he favors the goals of the bill, but not the means. He insists that it would be better to let businesses decide on their own to provide such benefits, encouraged by a refundable tax credit for business es that institute family leave policies. That may not be a bad idea in principle, but Mr. Bush invites skepticism about his sincerity when he suggests this new approach so late in

the legislative process, making it virtually impossible to reach meaningful compromise. Some of his arguments against the family leave bill are reminiscent of his attacks on

the Civil Rights Act of 1991. In a speech to corporate women, he suggested that the family leave bill might encourage subtle sex discrimination. "How many employers will think, why not hire a man instead of a

t to reject such a specior argument. The last recorded Senate vote on the bill was 65 to 32, not quite enough to override a veto, but three supporters were absent. The Senate supporters of the bill, incloding 15 Republicans, need to stand fast in the override vote. They can set an example for the House, which passed the bill by a 241-to-161 margin, far short of the occessary two-thirds to override.

This bill may not be perfect, but it sends an important signal about how society val-ues families and children. Congress ought not to let Mr. Bush have the last word.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Europe After the French Vote

Although the French finally approved the referendum on European union, the discussion in France and Europe shows the force of nationalities.

The approval of Maastricht, nevertheless, would have many positive aspects for Europe and the world. It constitutes a road, already traveled in good measure, to allow Europeans to remain a center of political and economic strength. It assures them a better standing against the power of the United States, and against a resurgent Asia. All this would contribute toward a bal-

ance of power, and thus bolster the peace. - La Nación (Buenos Aires).

Politicians will need to go back to the drawing board, and this is not necessarily a bad thing. There has been about the process of European integration a smugness in the way the bureaucrats and the politicians have taken their electorates for granted.

The desire in Europe to bind the nations together is still a powerful and compelling force. However, it appears that the ambition for full monetary union was premature. - The Australian (Sydney).

There is one proven recipe for success in European policy: If France and Germany pull on the same rope, policies will move forward. But for years, the two have followed

policies oriented too much toward themelves. This almost caused a serious serback for European unification. The most impor-tant result of the otherwise unproductive French referendum could be that the French-German tandem now gains new steam. - General Anzeiger (Bonn).

UN: Bush Needs to Choose

U.S. attitudes toward the United Nations have changed from the suspicion of its leftist, Third World tilt during the Reagan years to current enthusiasm for its usefulness in solving international dilemmas. But U.S. policy has not caught up. Either the world body is not as useful as the Bush administration says. or the United States is not supporting it

sufficiently. Choose one.

President George Bush did not choose, however, in his annual address to the UN General Assembly on Monday. He hailed the UN role in keeping peace and promoting world prosperity. He praised Secretary-Gen-eral Butros Butros Ghali's "Agenda for Peace," without contributing funds or troops to the standby force the secretary-genera seeks. He announced that U.S. troops will be trained for peacekeeping, not that they will be assigned to it. Most significant, where the United Nations lives week to week by a giant shell game of shifting funds, the president did not offer any new funding.

- The Baltimore Sun.

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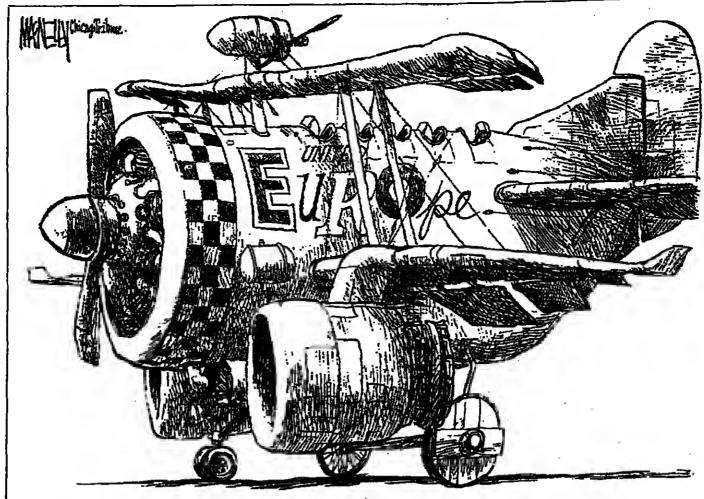
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OPINION



Toward Union, Maybe More Slowly but Still Surely

PARIS — It was a chilling lesson for smng politicians who had taken voters for granted. But obituaries on European monetary union, the Treaty of Maastricht, indeed the whole European movement after the squeaky thin French vote to ratify are more than pre-

mature. They've got it wrong.

The plunge to Europessimism following a French campaign that rivaled the current American election campaign for nasty, cheap distortion

The European drive has had bigger setbacks before, but it was revived and renewed because it was necessary. It still is.

and misrepresentation is as extravagant and unjustified as the cuphoria proclaiming the birth of

superpower Europe six months ago.
There has been an important, basic change. It is recognition by leaders and technocrats that they cannot create a new Enrope by themselves, with a magic wand and incantations. Their job is not only to conjure the future but to show people why it can be faced with confidence and give it living substance.

That is the only real change. The underlying forces driving Europe to greater unity remain al issues like environment and crime but sup-posedly national issues like jobs, investment, money. The European states depend on each other, whether as partners or rivals.

the same. Separate states cannot handle their biggest problems alone anymore, not only glob-

There is a strain between politics and ecocomies which tends to blur this fact. Politics remain territorial, especially in democracies. By Flora Lewis

Constituencies are purely national, even in elec-tions to the European Parliament, and every candidate knows who can vote. Economies, especially in Europe as the single market is put into place and especially in finance as money moves at computer speed, are fungible. Movement of funds equaling \$20 billion in one

afternoon brought down the pound sterling. On a normal day, however, London alone handles the exchange of \$200 billion worth of currencies. No government can fight that unless it wants to cut its country off from all benefit of trade.

The gap will last for a long time, because

national identity also remains a reality. It will simply have to be accommodated:

True, a single European currency and central bank will deprive governments even of the illu-sion of being able to manage their economies independently by monetary manipulation. But it is an illusion, and can be costly, as France found out when it tried in 1981-1983 — although not surprisingly President François Mitterrand's government did not choose to remind voters how it came to learn that lesson.

That the heaviest blocs of votes against Masstricht came from industrial workers and farmers cannot be an accident. They tend to live in isolated mities, the "real world" in the sense of laying their hands on soil and metal every day. But the abstractions of markets and security are just as real when it comes to affecting people's lives.
The farmers' hostility to Community Europe is

an irony. No group anywhere has benefited more from its dispensations than French farmers, and it is unlikely that French taxpayers would agree to continue such generous subsidies if it all had to come out of their own pockets. But they have always been told, when they have a grievance,

that it's Brussels fault. That is politically convenient, although it can boomerang.

The myths are persistent and used. Philippe de Villiers, a leader of the "no" campaign, warned on television that Maastricht would end "France's exceptionalism" in the world. Everybody responsible knows that there is no such thing anymore. But, as a former French ambassador said, "no politician would dream of admitting it." politician would dream of admitting it."

Another widespread self-intoxication is the idea that America, Japan and Russia fear and oppose a strong and united Europe. The newspaper Liberation even quoted opinion-makers from all three countries urging ratification of Maastricht, then went on to say, without quoting anybody, that this was hypocritical because they

really, secretly, were against it.

The extensive self-congranulation by politicians and media on how the debate proved the vigor of French democracy was hard to understand. It explained nothing and was full of egregious lies, including a last-minute warning from the Gaullist Charles Pasqua that the French language was to be suppressed right after the French franc. Even if they are not sure what the truth is, a lot of people know that they are not being told the truth and resent it.

The European drive has had bigger setbacks before, but it was revived and renewed because it was occessary. It still is, perhaps more than ever with the desperate dissarray in the East and Germany's painful reunification. There should be no surprise that many fear

change and that people cling to the comforts of each unique culture and set of traditions. They are not going to fuse into a huge, homogenous blob. But neither can they backtrack from the dynamics for "closer union," as the treaty puts it. The pace may be slowed, but the direction won't change. The past is too ghastly to repeat.

• Flora Lewis.

Nuclear Testing Is an Issue to Take Seriously, Now

B ERLIN — The issue of a ouclear testing moratorium may sound hopelessly areane and narrowly military, but it is not. It is likely to influence the world balance of power.

That is why the Pogwash Conferences ou Science and World Affairs, meeting recently in Berlin, addressed a letter to President George Bush in which it urged him to support the initiatives on nuclear testing taken by France and Russia, as well as moves in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. What is it all about?

Russia unilaterally declared a 12month testing moratorium on Oct. 5, 1991, and challenged other nuclear powers to join. France did so, suspending testing in the South Pacific for the remainder of this year.

President Boris Yeltsin — who has

also received a Pugwash message -is under pressure from his still powerful military-industrial complex. Hard-line elements forced him to cancel his visit to Tokyo, seizing on the issue of the Kuril Islands. The Russian mili-

WASHINGTON —"Is it O.K. to talk about this stuff while he's

bere?" the Iraqi nuclear weapons ex-pert inquired of an American inspec-tor from the United Nations. "He"

was another inspector, from a country without atomic weapons. The traqi was proud of his accomplish-

ments, and sensitive to the danger of

allowing his knowledge to leak out. The other inspector left the room.

nuclear secrets with those not autho-

rized to learn them. So are Ameri-

cans, British, French and Russians -

but strangely the International Atomic Energy Agency, the organization charged with carrying out nuclear

safeguards, is oot. Its apparent position is that any international civil

servant detailed to the Vienna-based

its civil servants and scientists can be

trusted with nuclear weapons details;

each has procedures for investigating

potential weapons experts. The IAEA

reportedly did not even insist that the

inspectors sent to Iraq have at least the

equivalent of top secret clearance

granted by their own governments.
This is because the job of the IAEA.

has always been to encourage peaceful uses of nuclear science while verifying

that no party to the Nuclear Nonpro-

liferation Treaty diverted uranium or

plutonium to a clandestine weapons

program. The agency was not de-

signed to police nuclear weapons re-

search and does not bave the political

or technical capability to do so.

No ouclear power believes that all

organization is trustworthy.

Iraqis are worried about discussing

By Enrico Jacchia tary now claims that testing is indis-

pensable to maintaining a credible ouclear deterrent. The fundamental security of Russia depends on such a deterrent, it is said. This argument finds fertile soil in a nation bumiliated by the collapse

of its empire. It may fuel anti-Yeltsin nationalist feelings in Moscow on the parliament over reform. If the United States maintains its present nuclear testing policy, the embattled Russian president may be

forced to give in. That fact has found little sympathy in the U.S. State De-partment. Its spokeswoman, Margaret Tutwiler, said recently, "Our nuclear weapons testing policy is determined by our own needs and not by the activities of other countries."

The two arguments most consistently offered by the Reagan and the Bush administrations against a test-ing ban or moratorium are that con-

Yet that is its assignment in Iraq. Maurizio Zifferero, head of the

IAEA action team for Iraq, recently stated in Baghdad that Iraq's nuclear

program was "at zero." His remarks

were followed rapidly by the agency's "darification" that its inspectors have neutralized only the part of the program that the Iracis have shown

to outside inspectors, and that much more could still be hidden.

The Iraqis bought the components to build 10,000 centringes to make enriched uranium for nuclear weap-

ons. Mr. Zifferero's inspectors have

found only about one-fourth that

number of machines and parts. At

least one component of the Iraqi pro-gram is far from being zeroed out. The incident has demolished the

IAEA's remaining credentials for

dealing with a nuclear rogue.

The inspection process itself has

contributed to the Iraci bomb pro-

gram. Inspectors, some with profes-

sional experience of building nuclear

weapons and some with none, have

asked traqi scientists pointed ques-

tions. The implications have been

clear enough to add to Iraqi know-

ledge about building nuclear weapons.

which inspectors have discussed Iraqi

facilities have told the Iraqis that they

need not have reached for a nuclear

gold medal; that the bronze medal in

proliferation, won with far less visible

activity, could still provide them the

basis for ouclear weapons after the

inspectors have left.

Some believe that the ways in

By Peter D. Zimmerman

tinued testing is occided to develop safe nuclear weapons and also to maintain the reliability of weapons stockpiled for future deterrence.

Members of Congress asked prestigious nuclear research laboratories for a detailed technical review of the safety and reliability issues. The overwhehning opinion of the scientists consulted was that there is no compelling technical reason to continue testing - except for a limited number of tests (perhaps 10) that would suffice to bring the W-78 Minuternan-3 and Trident ballistic missile warheads up to modern standards of safety. In Washington, the House and the

Senate recently approved similar texts: The House version calls for a one-year moratorium, the Senate's for a nine-mosth moratorium followed by a limited number of tests and culminating in an end to testing after Sept. 30, 1996. Either way, a veto from President Bush seems likely.

the number of technically feasible de-

signs for each class of weapon is limit-ed. French, Chinese, American, Brit-ish and Russian inspectors should be provided with a legal class of data that they may discuss with one another but

not with citizens of other countries.

The IAEA has not asked that the special knowledge of nuclear weapons

scientists be kept separate from that of inspectors from other countries. It has

insisted that all inspectors be treated

as equals. That ignores the security

The agency turned down a request made by several of the outlear weap-

on states that the highly detailed un-clear blueprints recovered from Iraq

be safeguarded by a nuclear power.

Instead those papers are kept in a locked room in Vienna, in a safe

guarded by an IAEA security man.

Almost anybody from anywhere can

Iraq's nuclear weapons program is

not known with any certainty to be "at

zero." Observers close to the inspec-

tion process have concerns about spe-cific facilities. Even so, the will to

pursue Iraq's program to its innermost secrets may now have evaporated. But

there are still rocks to be turned over

in Iraq, and it is time to lift them, no

matter what foul matter lies beneath.

senior fellow for arms control at the

Passis for ouclear weapons after the assectors have left.

A large body of design data is

Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. He contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

The writer, a nuclear physicist, is

gain access to the building.

interests of the world.

have been most useful. We ask for your attention to posi-tive developments in the Congress of the U.S.A. to formulate initiatives to IAEA as Policeman: Out of Its Depth known to each state that has mastered the art of producing a nuclear arsenal. Physics is the same everywhere, and

> Russian moratorium to a later date. - From a letter to Boris Yeltsin

France and Russia then presumably would resume testing, and China would continue to test at a low rate. This would give aid and comfort to President Yeltsin's hard-line opponents. And other countries surving to

couraged to continue - all in all, a calamitous course. International Herald Tribune.

build nuclear arsenals would be en-

Extend the Moratorium

THE end of the Cold War and the onset of the new era of arms reductions have opened a window of opportunity to ban ouclear weapons testing once and for all. In this connection, the moratorium on nuclear testing initiated by the former Soviet Union from August 1985 to February 1987, and the present moratorium declared by Russia up to Oct. I, 1992,

bring a U.S. moratorium soon, and a complete test stop in the future. This congressional effort indicates real and promising interest in a moratorium and a comprehensive test ban in the near future. However, we fear that if the present Russian moratorium ends on Oct. 1, 1992, these developments may come to an early end. We ask you urgently to consider the possibility of extending formally the

signed by F. Calogero, secretary-general, and Joseph Rotblat, president, of the Pugwash Council

Mr. Bush's Hitler — was allowed to slip off the hook at least in part to make the president look good.

Mr. Bush canceled a long-planned wisit to Japan in December after polls showed that the public thought he was spending too much time on foreign affairs. Then, to salve Tokyo's burt, he rescheduled the trip.

But against all State Department advice he brought along the heads of the Big Three auto manufacturers. who largely created the gigantic trade deficit with Japan, so that he could pretend to be battling the Jap-anese for American jobs. Mr. Bush's closest aides flinched privately over the spectacle of the president bash-

In Service

Of Himself

Abroad

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK —George Bush was not at a political rally in Pitts-

burgh or San Diego on Monday when be recalled his military career, back-

handedly rebuking Bill Clinton for failing to serve, and then proposed

revamping U.S. foreign aid to create 40,000 new U.S. jobs. No. he was

the United Nations General Assem-

should surprise no one. For a year

and a half now almost everything he has done or not done abroad has been

in direct service of his own political

The Foreign Policy President has turned into the grandest Domestic Politics President on record, far out-

stripping his predecessors in subordi-

nating national interests to personal political interests. At times this practice has been so blatant and so dismaying that even his own aides have

been too embarrassed to deny it.
General H. Norman Schwarzkopi,

who obviously likes Mr. Bush, says as much in his new book about the Gulf

War. The general maintains that unnamed White House officials ended the rout of Iraq at 100 hours because they "really knew how to package an historic event." So Saddam Aussein.

President Bush's odd sense of place

bly, of all places.

ambitions at home.

plugging his own campaign in New York — in a solemn speech before

ing on bended knee.
The Foreign Policy President dawdled through six winter months over aid to the former Soviet Union. Few Americans wanted or expected him to do much, because the principal burden of reform most rest with the Russians themselves. But he did nothing, for fear of being accused of

squandering dollars on foreigners.

That is, he did oothing of consequence until his aides got word of an impending Clintoo aid proposal. They frantically stitched together a Bush plan, and the president unceremoniously ran to the cameras an hour ahead of Mr. Clinton — and, his

anead of Mr. Cunton — and, his aides admitted, without even knowing the cost to the taxpayer.

Still stymied by presumed public unhappiness with foreign adventures, Mr. Bush tried to ignore the Serbian alexanture of Popular Markets and Hospitan Markets. slaughter of Bosnian Muslims. He hid behind the patently phony argoment that any strong action would quickly land the United States in a Vietnam-style quagmire.

Only recently did he begin to take the actions be spent months dismissing. By then, through his fearful inaction, he had sacrificed Bosnian lives and American leadership.

With little political incentive to please American blacks, Mr. Bush ignored refugees and starvation in Haiti and Somalia. In so doing, he forfeited America's moral leadership. For the first time since 1945.

America has no moral basis for urg-ing bumanitarianism on others, and cannot credibly importune Europeans to care for refugees from Yugoslavia and Romania. For no reason other than to gain

votes in Texas, where F-16 fighters are produced, Mr. Bush recently rushed to sell the aircraft to Taiwan. His decision violated a solemn agreement with China — thereby diminishing Ameri-ca's ability to dissuade others from making questionable arms sales.
Only in the Middle East did Mr.
Bush retain the mantle of statesman-

ship that he had earned by organizing Descri Storm, escorting the Soviet Union away from communism and helping Germany to reunite.

By pressing Israel to stop West
Bank settlements, Mr. Busb lost votes

at home. But by bringing about Arab-Israeli talks, he gained the respect of all — until be yanked a reluctant James Baker, the force behind the talks, out of the State Department and into the presidential campaign.

After a promising beginning, Mr.

Busb's record has become sadly clear: To keep his office, the Foreign Policy President has stroked the lesser instincts of Americans — and squandered America's credibility,

moral leadership and power. The New York Times

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Imperial Fashion PARIS - That "the old order changeth" holds true in regard to the fash-

ions of the coming season in a double sense — firstly, there is to be a complete departure from the styles which have been most in favor during the last twelve months or so; and, secondly, there are to be considerable modifications of the styles which are generically described as Empire, and which are to be the nec plus ultra these cext few months. Indeed, so radical are the modifications in question, that it is not too bazardous to say that the coming styles will be imperial only in name.

1917: Kerensky at Risk

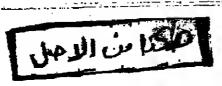
PETROGRAD - The attitude of M. Chernov, who was Minister of Agri-culture in the Lvov Cabinet and who has assumed the direction of the Maximalist elements in the Soviet, becomes clear. M. Chernov does not hide his intention of overthrowing M.

Kerensky when circumstances permit him and of constituting a Soviet Government. Grave events are generally expected very shortly. M. Chernov does not disguise his intention of settling the differences which divide the Provisional Government.

1942: 'Losing This War' WASHINGTON — [Prom our New York edition:] Ralph A. Bard, Assis-

Part of the last o

tant Secretary of the Navy, bluntly tant Secretary of the Navy, brunny told the nation yesterday: "We are still losing this war, period. And we should damn well understand it, period." Speaking before the eighth national convention of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers Mr. Bord considered with a Workers, Mr. Bard concluded with a chailenge to every American: "It will take all we've got to win? What are you going to do about it?" Mr. Bard said that all previous warnings about losing the war carried the implication that the tide must necessarily turn. This, he asserted, was "whistling in the graveyard to keep from facing reality."



OPINION

That First Patriot Scored a Hit — on a Cloud

By Ben Sherwood

hours of Jan. 18, 1991, Lieutenant Colonel Lerroy Neel and his Patriot air defense battalion spotted a single blinking "track" on their radar display. A target — presumably one of Saddam Hussein's Scud missiles — was on its way to Dhahran. At 4:28 A.M. following well-rehearsed procedures the team General Schwarzkopf proclaimed. "As a result," he continued, "I think to date we can say that the enemy Scud campaign has been ineffective." In fact, each Soud launched during the war was detected and reported by a ing well-rehearsed procedures, the team fired a Patriot missile that corkscrewed 17,000 feet (5,200 meters) into the sky, disappeared behind the clouds, and detonated in a flash. The blip vanished from the screen

web of intelligence satellites hovering above the Middle East. Using infrared sensors, so-called Defense Support Pro-gram satellites would detect hot flames grain satellites would detect not tlames and gases from burning missile rockets. The satellites would, in turn, provide early warning to U.S. troops and Patriot batteries. On Jan. 18, although they paign, the Patriot had scored what was hailed in the news media as a historic

> The 'success' of the missile fired on Jan. 18, 1991, provided a defining moment in the war against Iraq. But the only victory was of hype and flash.

> spotted seven Iraqi Scuds fired at Israel, the satellites did not detect a Scud ched toward Dhahran.

Of course Colonel Neel's Patriot bat-tery did "detect" something, if only a blip on the screen. But what the tracking information indicated was that the target came from one of two improbable places: the waters of the Gulf or Iran. The army ruled out these possibilities. If the target's origin made no sense, its

fleeting appearance on Patriot radar displays was even more confusing. On the morning of Jan. IS, the so-called Scud appeared on Patriot radar for mere seconds. In real Scud engagements, the taronds. In real Scud engagements, the tar-gets appeared for a minute or more. And, after launching, the Patriots sent back signals indicating whether they found their targets. On that first shot, the Patriol missile did not report back to its launching battery with a "Probable Kill" or an "Engage Fail" symbol.

Most probably, the "Scud" was a Pa-triot computer glitch. There were others. A day later, the army revealed that two Patriots had mistired because of computer problems. Toward the end of the war, the army admitted that another Patriot had misfired in Turkey. But the army stack to its story about the first Patriot shot. In February 1992, the army told skeptical congressional investiga-tors that it had found Scud debris from that first intercept with Cyrillic writing on it. The army claimed that a "defini-tive analysis" in Riyadh had confirmed that it was part of a Scud.

But under pressure from congressional investigators, the army retrieved the debris from a Raytheon employee who had taken it home as a sonvenir. A piece was finally sent to the Missile Systems Command for analysis. The conclusion: It was not part of a Scud and there was no Cyrillic lettering on it.

Behind Pentagon walls, the army now regards the first shot as a non-event, as if the episode never occurred. The so-called kill has even been removed from the classified red briefing books detailing each of the 88 Patriot-Scud engagements of the war. When asked directly about the first shot, army spokesmen refuse to com-ment, citing classification rules and the potential threat to U.S. troops.

Meanwhile, with billions at stake in

U.S. and foreign contracts, Raytheon is distributing a glossy promotional bro-chure describing the Jan. 18 "historic first." Company literature acknowl-edges that the missile did not perform flawlessly, but when challenged about the success of the first shot, Raytheon officials refuse to comment, referring

And the army has not been the most reliable source of information about the Patriot. During the war, General Schwarzkopf told reporters that "the Patrict's success, of course, is known to everyone, It's 100 percent,

In March 1991, army officials told Congress that the Patriot had intercept-

ed 41 of 42 Scuds. But under pressure from Representative John Convers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, whose Govern-ment Operations Committee is investigating the Patriot, the Pentagon has been forced to cut its estimates of Patri-ot success. In April 1992, the army said that more than 70 percent of Patriot engagements in Saudi Arabia and more than 40 percent in Israel were "successful" - figures revised down from 80

percent and 50 perceot.

But congressional investigators are not persuaded of even that. They say the army's confidence in the Patriot is not supported by the classified evidence. In April, The Washington Post reported, a senior army official said that the Patriot might have knocked out 24 Scuds of the more than 80 fired, with only about 10 of those "warhead kills." Others have questioned even that number.

Of 159 Patriots fired during the Gulf War, the first shot hit nothing - but it did more than all the others to define the Patriot in the American mind. If any-thing, the facts have been further buried by Raytheon's publicity effort and by army classification rules. On Jan. 18, bype and flash won the day. Next time, one hopes, a lone blip on the screen will not be twisted into the stuff of myth.

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Single Motherhood Is a Bad Bargain

N EW YORK — After 10 years as an unwed mother and six years of writing about family issues I would like to share my personal recipe for

single motherhood It is too late for Murphy Brown, but, after all, she is only a fictional character who does not matter so much. But it may not be too late for the many young professional women I interview

MEANWHILE

who are actively contemplating raising children ontside of marriage.
If you're thinking of unwed mother-

hood, it helps to: 1. Have relatively affluent parents who got and stayed married them-selves. That way you can rely on their marriage, rather than your own, to give your child the emotional and financial emergency support system that he or she needs.

2. Be able to choose a profession with flexible hours that allows you to take time out and work from home. and be sure to get a degree from an

Ivy League school first.
3. (This one is especially tricky.)
Find a boss who does not mind if you bring a sick 4-year-old and his dinosaurs to the office, which will happen. 4. Accept that, even if you make a By Maggie Gallagher

less money than anyone you know except other single mothers.

5. Expect to give up all the advan-tages of single life — freedom, ro-mance, travel — and receive none of the advantages of marriage — emo-tional logistical and financial support. 6. Prepare for the nights when your child cries himself to sleep in your arms, wondering why his father doesn't love him, (If your child is allowed to express his real feelings, there will be many such occasions.)

In other words, even if you are lucky enough to find yourself in the most privileged circumstances, unwed motherhood is a bad bargain, whether planned or unplanned.

When Glamour magazine recently

asked its readers to describe "the highs and lows" of being single moms by choice, fully half expressed serious regrets. It is an even worse bargain for the children. Vice President Dan Quayle was

right on target when be said that marriage is the best social program ever invented for the protection of children.
The evidence on this is now overwbelming. (To cite only one of many statistics that back up this claim, singood living, you are going to have far gle mothers are six times more likely

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to be poor than married mothers are.) As impressive as the body of evidence is, it does not capture the true costs of the collapse of marriage. Even the many children in single-parent households who grow up with

all the material accounterments of a middle-class family are being deprived of one very precious and irreplaceable thing: a father.

And, as Murphy Brown would find

out if she were a real person and not a Hollywood fantasy, children not only need a father, they long for one, irra-tionally, with all the undiluted strength of a child's hopeful heart. To raise one's own child without a

father may, at times, be a painful and tragic necessity, but it should never be just another life-style option. Before we can address the real

problems that single mothers and their children face, we must admit that there is a problem. We have to stop pretending that all choices are equally good — that single motherhood is just an alternative family form and that fathers are just another disposable new item in the nursery.

The writer is a senior fellow at the Center for Social Thought and author of the forthcoming book "The Abolition of Marriage." She contributed this com-ment to The New York Times.

Ask Them About the Iraqgate Cover-Up

CHICAGO — Some realistic Sen-ate Republicans, aghast at the prospect of Mario Cuomo or Robert Morgenthau as attorney general, have decided that it would be better to have a nonpartisan special prosecutor look into the Iraqgate scandal. That is why they are joining Carl Levin, a Demo-crat, and Bill Cohen, a Republican, in backing that law's extension.

Just 24 hours into the allied air cam-

knockout: the first defensive missile

While the Patriot's reputation has been considerably sullied since the Gulf War, the first shot of Jan. If remains

untarnished, a defining moment embed-

Jittery Americans found comfort in this televised triumph, and the word "Patriot" evoked an aura of high-tech

security. For the Raytheon Company,

principal manufacturer of the Patriot, the story of the first shot has been par-ticularly useful in lending off attacks on

But like other Patriot "hits" that were

acknowledged to have missed, this bulls-

eye never happened. According to gov-

ernment and other sources, there was no

ernment and other sources, there was no Scud speeding toward Dhahran on the morning of Jan. 18. And today, with U.S.-Iraqi relations tense and at least six Patriot batteries deployed in the region, the real story of the Patriot's first shot is a

reminder of how "good news" originates

The "good news" was announced on

Jan. 18, when General H. Norman

Schwarzkopf was seen on the morning

news, briefing a room of reporters in

Riyadh. Seven Scuds had been fired ear-

lier in the day against Israel, the general

said, and one had been lobbed at Dhah-

ran. "The one Scud missile that was

fired against Dhahran was destroyed by a United States Army Patriot missile,"

the Patriot's effectiveness.

and spreads in time of war.

ded in the country's consciousness.

ever to destroy an offensive missile.

I believe that a grand jury will be empaneled next year to probe James Baker's backdoor financing of Sad-dam Hussein's war machine. It will take sworn testimony about how officials of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and State and the White House lied to Congress, altered to conceal these acts.

That Iraquate grand jury will target Attorneys General Dick Thornburgh and William Barr and their henchpersons to determine if - influenced by Secretary Baker and Brent Scowcroft, in the furtherance of George Bush's infamous National Security Di-

rective 26 — they obstructed justice. I could be wrong; Iraqgate could be swept under the rug, just as Mr. Barr has tried to do in refusing Con-

male Vin

By William Safire

gress's call for independent counsel. But if my conjecture is accurate, here are a few of the lines of inquiry the grand jury will pursue:

I. After it became known that Iraqi officials were stealing from U.S. grain financing, did Mr. Baker and Mr. Scowcroft, with the intent of resuming sales to a corrupt and noncreditworthy borrower, prevent public disclosure of the suspension of the program?

The Senate Agriculture Committee chairman, Pat Leahy, this week obtained the answer to a question I submitted 30 months ago. "Fear of of-fending the Iraqis," he writes, "motivated the Department of State and National Security Council from announcing a suspension." Evidence: Alan Raul, the Agriculture Department counsel, wrote on April 2, 1990, that State had asked that Agriculture "not use the term 'suspend."

Notes taken by a Treasury Department official reveal that one month later Mr. Scowcroft called Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter "and asked him not to put out press release

today saying terminating program." 2. As part of a conspiracy to con-ceal the misdirection of funds, did government officials conceal or shred documents? "Our research indicates," writes Senator Leahy, that Mr. Scowcroft "also sent a letter about the Iraqi GSM program to Secretary Yeotter that day. USDA has not provided us with any such document." Mr. Yeutter is suspected of taking this evidence of intervention with him to his White

House sinecure. On evidence suppression, a grand jury will ask: In the FBI raid on the Atlanta branch of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, were the visitors' signin book and the branch manager's desk calendar seized? If so, were they destroyed or mislaid?

3. In their campaign to "build a wall" to keep the investigation from stopping the flow of funds to Baghdad fluence Atlanta prosecutors?

Although Mr. Barr has generously forgiven the White House for two improper calls to the harassed prosecutor, a less partisan investigator will ask White House counsel Boyden Gray: Did be know of the first call, yet permit another inquiry from on high into a local criminal prosecution?

Mr. Baker will be asked: How many times did his lawyers call Atlanta to discover prosecutorial in-tent? Did he receive reports of these repeated intercessions? Did he use his inside knowledge of a criminal case to induce Mr. Yeutter to ignore his fiduciary responsibility?
CIA chief Robert Gates, who has

sought to silence the House Banking irman, Henry Gonzalez, will be asked: Did none of America's expensive "big ears" pick up any evidence of the multibillion-dollar secret financing of Iraqi arms purchases? When were the first intelligence re-

ports of Iraq's abuses forwarded to Mr. Baker and Mr. Scoweroft, as they resisted a cutoff of funds to Saddam? Cover-up-General Barr will be asked, among much else: Why did the prosecutor, Gail McKenzie, tell Thomas Baxter of the Federal Reserve to butt out of her prosecution? Who then prevailed on the Treasury Department to tell the New York Fed chief, E. Gerald Corrigan, that this poblically sensitive investigation was

none of the Fed's business? Quite a case. Can't wait. The New York Times.

Victims, Second Class

Regarding "Germany to Deport Gyp-sies" (Sept. 18) by Marc Fisher: Parallel to the extermination of the Jews, the Nazis killed Gypsy men, women and children. In death camps,

500,000 died from hunger, cold, disease, torture, medical experiments, mass shootings and gassings.

After the war, the German Federal

Republic undertook to atone for the deeds of its predecessor regime. It paid indemnities to individual Jewish survivors or their descendants. For those who could not enter a claim, the whole family having perished, the German govern-ment paid lump sums to Israel that to-taled 85 billion Deutsche marks f\$57 hillion) by 1991. No such compensation was given to

the Gypsy survivors. Individuals were deall with in a windy bureaucratic manner. There was no lump sum payment for those who perished. The Gypsies had no powerful advocates or lobby. Their claims were buried. With the fall of the Soviet empire and the rise of charvin-ism, Gypsies there were once again sin-gled out for aggression. They fled westward, many of them to Germany.

Now, the German government has chosen to deport the Gypsies to the countries from which they had to flee. A German writer, Ralph Giordano, has said: "We cannot have first-class and second-class victims of the Nazis There cannot be a hierarchy of the persecuted ... I demand the same treatment for the Gypsies as for us Jews."

> JACOB SUHL Portimão, Portugal.

H Democracies Change

The European Community should urgently confront an important piece of unfinished business: how to deal with a member whose government turns undemocratic. Clear guidelines exist for assessing candidates for membership, but nothing for how to react if one of the democracies suddeoly changes its stripes. Recent hints that more than onethird of Germans might vote for the far right lend weight to the matter. Should any EC member, powerful or weak, move to such an extreme, it should face full ostracism and draconian sanctions.

ROBERT F. ILLING. Porto, Portugal.

The Citizen in Wartime

Regarding "Lower That Bloods Shirt and Let the Nation Heal" (Opinion, Sept. 17) by James Fallows:

Mr. Fallows writes that only those who went to Vietnam and those who openly refused to go have the moral right to stand in judgment of those who took an "easier" way out.

Really? Many of us who went did not make a "braver choice," as Mr. Fallows writes. In fact, we made no choice at all, for it had never occurred to us - and nothing in our experience or education would have led us to believe — that this was something about which we were being asked to choose.

Many of us went to Vietnam imquestioningly. We had been raised and taught to be "good Americans" and it

took years of demonstrations by the anti-war movement to teach some of us what we had not heard at home or in school: that being a "good citizen" means above all deciding for oneself where the "common good" lies, and then acting on that belief.

In April 1971, four years after 1 re-turned from service with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, I joined 1,000 other members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War in throwing my Vietnam medals and ribbons on the steps of the Capitol. In those four years I had learned to become a better citizen — not because I was now against the war (although I still believe that position was the correct one) but because I had become a thinking and acting citizen.

Blind service, in short, is no substitute for active citizenship, and it bestows moral superiority on no one. RONALD C. FAUST.

Prussia and the Kurils

Japan's interest in recovering the four southernmost Kuril islands, which were lost to the Soviet Union at the end of World War II, now threatens to scuttle an opportunity for normalized relations

between Tokyo and Moscow. At the conclusion of the war, Germany lost what remained of East Prussia. Pomerania and Silesia. During the reraged when certain political groups within Germany were reluctant to dis-avow Germany's territorial claims to

former German lands in Poland. This is not to condone that conduct, but only to question why Germany's behavior with respect to its lost territories is considered to be outrageous by so many while conduct of the same nature by Japan is treated with relative indifference.

WILLIAM R. ROHRBACH

Laren, Netherlands. Bosnia for All Bosnians

Regarding "Horrors Built on De-lusion" (Opinion, Aug. 15) by José

The Sarajevo agreement of March IS was signed by leaders of the three main parties in Bosnia. It was unfortunately an impetus to war, as it called for the following elements, among others:

Bosnia as an independent state with

three "constituent units" - like Swissstyle cantons, but with no set borders. Three national police forces.

· Three different monetary units and systems. What country has this?

 Three national anthems and flags. Within two weeks of the agreement, irregulars from Serbia entered Bosnia, killing bundreds of civilians.

The existing agreement could not be a good platform for any country: It leads to Bosnia's inevitable partition. It should be declared null and void by the United Nations, and a new agreement

drawn up by impartial outsiders.

I think that, to follow the American example, we all have to be Bosnian, no matter where we come from. We should all respect one law, one flag and one anthem. We must have one monetary system, one police and one army. We must all have equal rights and obligaone another. Bosnia-Herzegovina does not belong to Muslims, Serbs or Croats. It belongs to all Bosnians, and it must belong to all our children.

To Heal Bosnia's Wounds

As the bloodbath continues, few ob-Bosnia's Muslims and Serbs is possible. But it may be recalled that the American Civil War was the most bloody fratricidal war in modern history, Yel, wounds healed and the United States emerged more united and far more Yugoslavia?

Visions Bright and Dim

Regarding the report "At Home and Abroad, Britain's Bright Visions Slowly Dim" (Aug. 5) by Glenn Frankel:

the inspired creation of one of the graphic arts' most fertile imaginations, that of Heinz Edelmann.

tions. We must all respect and tolerate ment's complacent attitude toward science funding - not inadequate salaries. ANTHONY R. REES. Bath, England.

The suspension of Luis Valdez's film

project because of objections to the

non-Hispanic ancestry of Laura San

Giacomo, who plays the role of Frida

Kahlo, would probably have struck the

Frida Kahlo enjoyed analyzing the du-

ality of her own ancestry. True, she was

boro in Mexico, but her parents were a

German Jew and a Mexican mother of

mixed Spanish and American Indian

descent. Does this mean that to be truly "politically correct," an actress with Ms. Kahlo's identical genetic make-up

It is unfortunate that in their fervor

to prevent this film from being made,

nating life story of a talented and

As is reflected in some of her works,

artist berself as ironic.

must be found?

HASANBEGOVIC MAIDA. Racially Correct

Regarding "Director Valde: Shelves Film on Frida Kahlo" (People, Aug. 20):

servers think reconciliation between powerful. Why can't this be achieved in

With proper mediation and goodwill, the tragedy of Bosnia can be ended and the Muslims and the Serbs can be persuaded to live together in a renewed Yugoslav federation with complete regional autonomy. They can look to Canada, which is trying to preserve the federation with regional redistribution of power based on compromise and mutual respect.

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First, students are not "separated oul" at age 11 but assigned to different tracks according to their ability in various subjects, a totally different concept. Second, one objective of the Thatcher education reforms was to allow state schools to "opt out" of state control if parents were dissatisfied. Many schools have done just that and have shown immeasurable improvement as a result.
Third, the real reason scientists are lcaving Britain is the present govern-

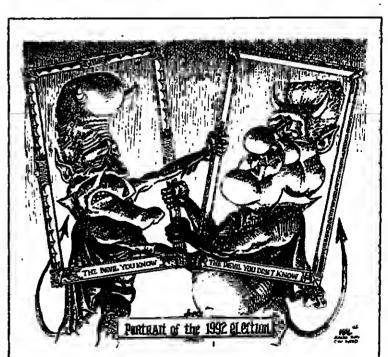
those who opposed the casting of Laura San Giacomo as Frida Kahlo are preventing a capable actress from bringing to a wider audience the fasci-

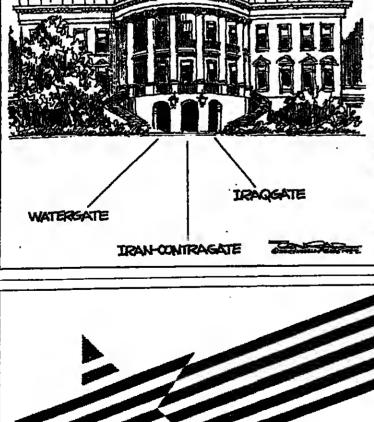
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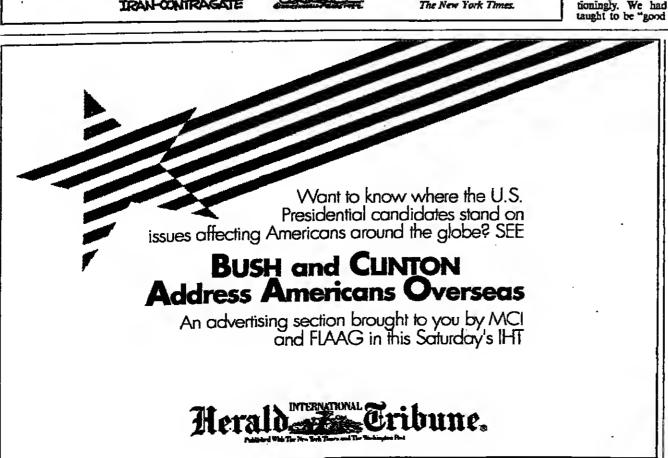
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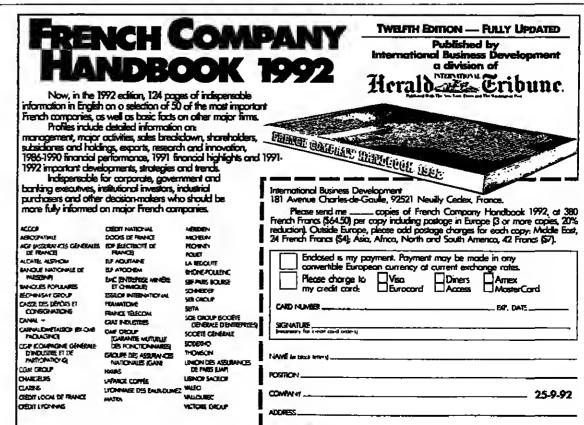
Regarding "Peter Max Back in Creative Motion" (Art, Aug. 15): The article credits Peter Max with designing "Yellow Suhmarine." This ground-breaking animated film, which featured the music of the Beatles, was

> ALAN DAVID SHEAN. Dun, France.









It's Much Easier (But Not Easy) to Visit Mongolia

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

LAN BATOR, Mongolia - Out on the steppes, where the prairies stretch endlessly until they melt into mountain crags on the horizon, there's not much sign of the last few million years of human civilization. At most, one sees an occasional rutted dirt road or a shepherd's tent exhaling a plume of white smoke from a cooking fire made of cow chips. Mongolia, after all, has been in a funk for

the last seven centuries. To be sure, Genghis Khan did pretty well for himself in the 1200s, establishing the largest continuous land empire the world has ever known. The Mongols controlled everything from Korea to Hungary, and they were poised to continue west when in 1242 their commander, Prince Batu, was abruptly summoned back to the Mongol capital for an important meeting. Otherwise, he would have swept through Western Europe facing little resistance.

Then Genghis's grandson, Kuhlai Khan, moved the capital of the Mongol empire to what is now Beijing, and ever since Mongolia has been a quiet kind of place. Leaders and

ideologies come and go, but few tourists do, and the United States did not get around to establishing diplomatic relations until 1987. Last year only 282 American tourists visited the country. The lack of tourists, though, is simply another advantage of a nation that is rich in history, hospitality and unspoiled

On the outskirts of the capital of Ulan Bator, at the Palace of the Bogd Gegeen, Mongolia's former god-king, there is no jos-tling as you wander alone through the gar-dens and admire the bright Buddhist sculptures and embroidery hanging on the walls.

At Dasbchoylin Monastery, in the center of Ulan Bator, the 120 monks look up from

their prayers when foreigners walk in, and their chanting falters for a moment as they lose their concentration. In the countryside, drop in on any comadic

herdsman and he'll immediately invite you into his round white felt tent, or ger. Custom dictates that you sit on the left side, and that you accept a whiff of the snuff bottle that he may share. He's also likely to offer you a bowl of yogurt or ariq, fermented mare's milk. The foundliness leaves you with a warm feeling, even if the ariq tastes awful.

Food is scarce and often atrocious, English-speakers are hard to find, hotels are poor, telecommunications difficult and visas difficult to obtain except for organized tours.

HE starting point for almost all visitors to Mongolia is Ulan Bator, the capital. About half of Ulan. Bator is made up of the tired gray concrete buildings that are the legacy of communism from East Berlin to Vladivostok. The streets are broad, suitable for military parades, and most people get around by foot or by hus. Public bus rides are a bargain, less than half a cent a ride, and they are a good way to explore the city.

(All prices have been converted at an unofficial exchange rate of about 250 tugriks to the dollar. In theory, there is an official exchange rate of 40 tugriks to the dollar, but despite valiant efforts I was never able to convert dollars at that rate. The post office insists on paying the black market rate, and so does the Ulan Bator Hotel, even when traveler's checks are involved. There seems to be no penalty for black market exchanges, and U.S. dollars are a second currency to Mongolia.)

The focal point of the city is Suhbataar

Square, a Mongolian version of Red Square in Moscow. It is a vast plaza with a central statue of Suhbataar, the architect of Mongolia's 1921 revolution. Herdsmen come from all over the country to have their photo taken on the square, as a souvenir of their visit.

On the south end of the square is Government Palace, where the president has his offices on the third floor, on the east end is a pink building that houses the newly established Mongolian Stock Exchange. Shares are traded every Tuesday, and there is a public gallery for visitors to watch the show.

Even in Ulan Bator, 45 percent of the population lives in gers, often set up perma-nently with electricity as a year-round residence. You can stroll among the gers as you make your way to Ganden Monastery, the best known in Mongolia.

Even when all the other monasteries in Mongolia were closed by the rulers in the 1930s, Ganden survived and today it is very much a living monastery rather than a museum. There has been a resurgence of Buddhism since the collapse of commi 1990, and today the number of monks at Ganden has risen from about 70 under communism to more than 200.

The former palace of the Bogd Gegeen. Mongolia's god king who died in 1924, is a museum these days.

But, in accordance with Buddhist beliefs, a man who is said to be a reincarnation of the Bogd Gegeen has been found in India and has been confirmed by the Dalai Lama. It is possibie that he will return to Mongolia and reclaim his palace. The palace is a 30-minute walk from the center of Ulan Bator, so it is simplest to go by car. Taxis are extremely scarce, and expensive when found, so normally the procedure is simply to stand at the side of the road and flag down any car coming along. About half of all passenger cars moonlight as taxis, and if the car stops that means it's a gypsy cab. Fares are based on mileage and the apparent wealth of the passenger, but they are unlikely to exceed 25 cents.

ROM Ulan Bator there are three important destinations in the countryside. Karakorum, the ancient capital, is the most important his-torically and culturally and also the easiest to reach. It is less than a day's journey by hired

The Gobi Desert, reachable by plane, offers camel riding with the nomads and rich fessil hunting; only now are Western experts able to explore it systematically for dinosaur remains.

The Altai mountains in the far west offer perhaps the most majestic scenery and lure occasional American hunters who pay up to \$25,000 for the chance to bag a trophy argali mountain ram or even a rare (and supposedly protected) snow leopard. It is possible to drive up into the Aliai mountains from the city of Hoyd, which in theory has air connections to Ulan Bator.

Several organized tours include visits to these destinations, and it may also be possible to arrange trips independently if you have a flexible schedule and considerable reservoirs of patience. One problem is that domestic air links in Mongolia are very unreliable, because of the economic crisis and fuel shortage. Even if flights are scheduled, there is no

guarantee they will take off. And while buying an air ticket outside of Ulan Bator is relatively easy and cheap, beware: returning to the capital may not be so easy. You cannot book the return flight until you have landed at your destination, and you may find that all flights back are booked for weeks.

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A Library for World's Nobodies

By Christine Chapman

URLINGTON, Vermont — Every unappreciated writer in the world has a friend in Vermont at The Brautigan Library.

Inspired by the counterculture writer Richard Brantigan, and founded by the former flower child Todd Lockwood, The Brantigan is the last resort — and sometimes the first for writers who want to see their unpublished manuscripts bound, shelved, and read by peo-

ple who travel long distances to find them. From Canada, Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Russia and most of the United States, readers have been making literary pilgrimages since 1990 to this northeastern city at the top of the American map, to discover for themselves a library that's "a little on the whacky side." So Brautigan described it in his comic novel "The Abortion: An Historical Romance 1966," published by Simon & Schuster in 1971, a story about a librarian and his girlfriend who meet in an imaginary San Francisco library for unpublished books.

"Our role is to give the unpublished writing hidden in attics, drawers, and closets a public hearing," said Lockwood, 42, the library's founder. "We had seven books on opening day, April 21, 1990, and now we have about 300 and room for 3,000. We accept Englishlanguage books as they come in. There's no judging no editing, no standards, whether aesthetic, ethical, erotic, geographic, or comic. We accept everything except books that have already been published. If it's published after it's in The Brautigan, it can still remain. We don't want commercial writing. We want writng from the heart."

Lockwood, a tall, blue-eyed man like Brau-tigan, without the handlebar mustache or the wire-nimmed glasses, has a mission and a sense of humor. The idea of bringing Brauri-gan's library to life haunted him for almost 20 years: "I've reread The Abortion' every ear," said Lockwood. "It redefined the male in our society. We were in the middle of the shoot-'em-up macho era and I was oot one of the guys out on the football field. I was a photographer, a piano-player, and I identified with the hippic librarian. In 1990, with some time on my hands as my recording studio neared its 10th anniversary, I decided to cross the line and start the library."

E no longer calls the collection "literature" but "folk history." He does not even claim that Brautigan, who was born in Tacoma, Washington, in 1935 and died a suicide in 1984, despondent over his work's waning appeal, was a great writer.

"His writing is fun stuff, accessible, unpretentious. No intellectual computation is occessary to get to him. He predated the hippies, really belonged to the Beat Generation, a compatriot of Jack Kerouac, Gary Snyder, and Allen Ginsberg, who taught him about Zen Buddhism. But the hippies latched on to him in the '60s and '70s and made him an

A would-be novelist, Lockwood, who will place his book in The Brautigan if he finishes it, tried to round up an advisory board of writers when he started. Kurt Vonnegut's agent laughed at him and Garry Trudeau, creator of "Doonesbury," wrote a blunt re-fusal. Hanging framed in the library is his crabby letter: "Why would anyone spend hours poking through unpublished materials in the hopes of finding something actually worth reading?" He advised Lockwood:

"Don't give up your day job."

Lockwood, who runs a recording studio and software business, didn't. The library is a conprofit, soul-satisfying venture. A glance at a few Brantigan titles tantalizes: giance at a few Brantigan titles tantalizes:
"Einstein Doesn't Throw Dice," "Camp Terror," "Reflections of a Quiet Man," "Oedipus in America," "Hormones: If I Don't Have a Lover I Make One Up," "A Great Big Ugly Man Tied Horse To Me."
"Writers range in age from 92 down to 13, with men and no men and an area.

with men and women equally represented, although women write more poetry," Lock-wood said. "Half of them have tried to get poblished, others have no intention of bothering. What appeals is that The Brantigan flies in the face of the success-and-money idea of the last decade. Of course there's also the catharsis of getting the book off your back. We have a Canadian writer, Laura Borealis, whose motive for writing was as 'a celebration of the end of her writing ca-

The 10-member board of library trustees, made up of creative citizens of Burlington, is backed by such writers as the poet Robert Creeley and the novelist Thomas McGuane.

Good humor literally oozes out of The Brautigan, but not the books. They are oneof-a-kind, and it's oot a lending library. Open for readers only on weekends from 11 to 5, it draws tourists, the library's own writers and would-be writers like the French

HEAR THIS

■ You probably didn't know that poets still worried about "selling out," you may even have thought poets were extinct. But, according to The Associated Press, Max Blagg, poet, is being criticized for reciting a poem in a commercial for The Gap. "I thought it was a chance to promote the power of the spoken word," Blagg said, "I don't think blaistens are the promote the contract of the spoken word," Blagg said, "I don't think bluejeans are the worst thing you can promote."

woman who flew from Paris to Burlington in

August to consider placing her book there. Because Brautigan liked the word mayonnaise, the library uses the Mayonnaise Sys-tem of shelving books between jars of mayo in 13 classifications: Love, War and Peace in 13 classifications: Love, war and reside Humor, Family, Advenure, Street Life, Natural World, Spirituality, The Foture, So-cial/Political/Cultural, Poetry, The Meaning of Life, and All the Rest.

HERE are diamonds in the rough to be found in The Brantigan's simple setting, a neat and narrow for-mer used bookstore on College Street not far from the University of Vermont. At least one bigtime publisher is angling to bring out "A Brautigan Library Sampler," but Lockwood can only say that "it's looking better all the time." If he does, some names to least for any some names to look for are:

Donald McNowski, anthor of "The McNowski Papers," a satire about an ultra right-wing fanatic who wrote ill-natured letters to the editor of the local Burlington paper. Irate citizens responded hotly to the redneck point of view and McNowski, a pen name, brought out his book with the subtitle
"Letters from a Small Mind."

 Etherley Murray of Pitman, New Jersey, and her "Autobiography About a Nobody," dedicated to "all the Nobodies in the United States and Canada, You are out there, and you know who you are." Murray tried 40 publishers who "liked it" but didn't publish autobiographies of nobodies. Ten chapters take her from Depression-era Altoona-Pennsylvania, where she ate onion sandwiches and worked in beauty shops, to postwar New Jersey where she began "wearing fur coats that belonged to women who had just departed this life."

 Albert E. Helzner of Marblehead, Massachusetts, a prolific philosopher whose 20 books are in The Brautigan. His popular Life" shows a Ben Franklinesque pithiness. As in "the requirement for survival is to be superior." Or "the people of Dnepropetrovsk do not know that I think of them from time to time." And the sad "I was once a soft and gentle person. I became hard as nails as a result of living through the reality of life."

Lockwood wants unsung writers world-wide to write to The Brautigan Library, P.O. Box 521, Burlington, Vermont, 05402, USA, for a \$2 application and instructions on submitting a typed manuscript. Binding 300 pages costs \$50, which helps pay the rent on the library. If the writer doesn't have \$50, there's a supporting-member program that helps finance bookbinding and operating costs. Three hundred members in the United States and Canada donate \$25 or more to belong to The Brautigan.

Christine Chapman is a journalist who spe-

The Faces of an Era

Linda McCartney's "Sixtles" has just been published by Pyramid (London), and her pictures of an era go on display next month at the Royal Photographic Society in Bath. Among them, clockwise from top left. Aretha Franklin, the Beatles and Janis Joplin. In the same vein, there's just time to catch "Entertainers." at the Cromwell & Ward Gallery in London, an exhibition, through Sun-day, of Gered Mankowitz's work, including (continuing clockwise) Elton John. Keith Richards solo and the Rolling Stones.









MOFIE THE GIIDE

Lunes de Fiel (Bitter Moon) Directed by Roman Polanski.

Oscar (Peter Coyote) is an American in Paris, a writer who says be wants to be a new Hem-

ingway or Henry Miller. He meets Mimi (Emmanuelle Seigner), a dancer, on the 96 bus. Transported to a kind of N E W

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sexual frenzy, they're soon into boodage with manacles and all the hardware of S&M home entertainment. Their passion spent, they take a hitter hooeymoon cruise, ensnaring a young British couple (Hugh Grant and Kristin Scott Thomas) in their perverse scenario. From a 1980 novel by Pascal Bruckner that made a travesty of the sexual revolution. Polanski has made his own dark burlesque. It's curiously dated — although you're never sure what the date -with moments that look as if Gene Kelly might appear to tap-dance among the whips and chains. But Polanski is really focused on those black depths and as his characters plunge, they shuck off ridicule and gain a certain pathos. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Husbands and Wives Directed by Woody Allen.

Well, then, what about the movie? Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives" is a very fine, sometimes brutal comedy about a small group of contemporary New Yorkers, each an edgy, self-analyzing achiever who goes through life without much joy, but who finds a certain number of cracked satisfactions along the way. The film is Allen's uproarious answer to Ingmar Bergman's far more solemn but no less bleak "Scenes From a Marriage." "Husbands and Wives" is actually scenes from two marriages, one on the rocks as the film begins, the other in a kind of stasis, set in a uniformly upscale Manhattan, lt's also an ensemble piece acted to loopy perfectioo by a remarkable cast headed by Judy Davis, Sydney Pollack, Mia Farrow, Juliette Lewis, Liam Neeson and Allen, who's also the writer, director and ringmaster, as well as his own best friend. In a crunch, Allen comes through for him-self. With "Husbands and Wives" he has made a movie that's so strong, wise and ex-



hilarating that it should be able to weather the chaos of accusations, gossip, public statements and dirty jokes attending its release. A movie, after all, is fiction, and with fiction you can never be sure what really happened. Or, as a bright student of creative writing says in "Hus-bands and Wives." writing (meaning fiction) "is just a trick." Or is it? That's the question that haunts this new movie and sometimes clouds the screen. If "Husbands and Wives" were less of an achievement, it might be impossible to watch. It's sorrowful enough without real life butting in.
(Vincent Canby, NYT)

Haruka Nostalgie Directed by Nobuhiko Okbayashi. Japan.

Many of Obbayashi's films are

about time and death. In "Futari" the elder sister returns

from death to look after the younger, in "The Disinear-nates," a man meets his dead parents just as they were when he was a child. In this new picture, a middle-aged writer of pulp fiction for young girls meets one of his fans, Haruka, who has an uncanny resemblance to a childhood sweetheart. Their meetings are spied upon by a young student who turns out to be the writer himself when young and who much regrets that youth has been turned into worthless fiction. As the writer becomes more and more aware of his personified past, he begins to understand that the girl is really the daughter of the lost love. When the girl gives herself to him it is as though the past again lives. But time presses on. At the end, the old writer, his boyhood banished, hands his fin-ished book to Haruka's now grown daughter. We see the cover. It is called: "Haruka Nostalgie." Though long — 165 minutes — the picture holds with seriousness and intensity. If from time to time, it threatens to turn into the kind of popolar romance the errant writer is producing, it always remembers to step back. At its floest it is moving; at its least interesting: Henry James in

Harlequin Romance land.

(Donald Richie, IHT)

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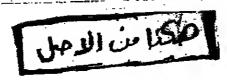
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Traditional French Food, Without Fancy Settings

By Patricia Wells

ARIS - The next time you begin to question whether there's a gram of gastronomic tradition left in France and whether you can still find a nonchic, authentic family restaurant in Paris

then reserve at A Sousceyrac. De n't expect a red carpet, a chic clientele, a boddy buddy welcome. Anticipate, instead, what we found on our last meal: Food that is cooked, roasted, mijoté, old-fashioned fare that's full of flavor and character, Here there's none of that "Let's try this one

out on the customers tonight." Rather, you'll find a duck stew, or civet, where the meat has been cooked to its limits, meaning soulful and delicious, You'll find imaginative fare, such as wafers of celeriac topped by paper-thin slices of truffles, all sprinkled with lemon juice. The mousse of wild grouse was deliciously rich and aromatic, and filled with

Even plebeian starters such as artichoke topped with mayonnaise and lobster often dull and unimaginative -- help one inderstand how classics remain classics. Deserts - warm cherries in cherry sance, profieroles, chestout ice cream and a pear tart — ire all delightfully old-fashioned, behind-theimes, delicious. What more can one say? Another everyday Parisian spot worth a

detour is L'Impasse, a small family restaurant with plenty-of village-like chann. Neighborhood locals wander past the tiny two-room restaurant that spills out onto the sidewalk with a wave and a hello, while inside there's that gentle, even murmur of langhter and good times.

The cuisine is stalwart and traditional, with plenty of blanquette, lapin, calf's liver and sole meunière. But the menu makes just the right amount of forays into the present, with a satisfying gazpacho for the warmer months, or a basic platter of poached codfish served with a simple tomato sauce. This place is about as unfussy, as "tried and true," as they come. Do bring along a dose of patience, for service is a bit pokey.

My single criticism is that the food shares the fault of so much pure homey fare, in that ir lacks basic seasoning. But that doesn't stop me from coming back. The wine list is reliable, with a good Brouilly and Sammur-Champigny, and prices for wine and food are amazingly reasonable.

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Val Gardena's Fight for Splendid Isolation

By Roderick Conway Morris

AL GARDENA, Italy — Descending e steep winding forest path on the edge of a tumbling torrent, I come upon a solitary farmstead where a woman is on the balcony tending her geraniums. After chatting for a few minutes, I ask how she voted in the referendum. "We voted no," she says. "More cars, more people, more skilifts. No thanks!"

"I mean," she says, indicating with a sweep of her arm a tiny nearby hamlet of neat houses and barns scattered in the fields around an almost absurdly picturesque church, against e limitless backdrop of meadows, woods and mountains, "there just

isn't enough space!" isn't enough space!"
The referendum, held last year, was on whether Val Gardena should host the 1997
Alpine Ski World Championships. Despite the fact that the valley stood to gain a great deal of money, the proposal was soundly defeated.

Val Gardena is in the South Tyrol, which was obtained from Austria by Italy at the end of World War I as a payoff for joining the Allied side (but which has recently won e considerable degree of self-determination as an autonomous province). The province remains nearly 70 percent German-speaking, with minorities of Italians and Ladins (the indigenous population that still speaks La-

din, an ancient Romance tongue).

The valley is known as Val Gardena in Italian, Groden in German and Gherdeina in Ladin. The western end is German-speaking, and the central and eastern part is a strong-

hold of Ladin language and culture, with only a handful of Italians in either part. For long splendidly isolated — there was no road into the valley until the second half of the last century - Val Gardena did, however, from the 17th century on, export its wares to the outside world; centered in Ortisei, its main village, the valley's hundreds of wood-carvers produced religious sculptures (mostly for the Tyrol), and diminutive wood-en horses, soldiers, dolls and ingenious working toys, which were carried forth on backpacks by local peddlers, and reached nurseries as far-flung as London, Lisbon, Philadelphia and St. Petersburg.

Several hundred sculptors and toy makers are still at work today. These artists and craftsmen were at the forefront of the antichampionships campaign. Leander Mor-oder, a Ladin speaker who teaches the histo-ry of art at the valley's two art schools, was one of the founding members of "SOS Gherdema," an ad-hoc organization founded to

coordinate the opposition.

"There is nothing in the Italian constitution providing for referendums on local issues," said Moroder. "At first we were turned down flat. But then we fielded our own candidates in the local elections. We won 28 percent of the vote, and the authorities finally agreed to hold one."

Val Gardena was the venue for the 1970 Ski Championships. This previous taste of a mass influx of outsiders was important in swinging the vote, Moroder believes, especially since the 1997 version promised to be a much bigger and jazzier event. "If you've had no experience of such things, it's diffi-cult to imagine what they're like," he said.

"Not that everything's perfect here, but there is still so much that is unspoiled and worth

preserving. It's a quality and a way of life worth defending."

Even then, Moroder said he and his fellow campaigners were surprised that villagers at the high eastern end of the valley, who, unlike the peasant farmers and artisans in the rest of Val Gardena, rely almost entirely on tourism to make a living, should have also voted in such large numbers against.

But it is the farmers who are the ultimate guardians of this spectacular countryside, whose charms owe as much to nurture as whose charms owe as much to narture as name, Around 16 percent of the working population of the South Tyrol still lives on the land — a very high figure for Western Europe — and these hardy, hard-working peasant proprietors are showing remarkable tenacity in maintaining traditional ways. Their reluctance to part with land for devel-

opment and their untiring cultivation of this precipitous landscape not only keeps it alive and productive but conserves it for all of us. With so many alpine valleys besieged by traffic and disfigured by excessive building and a plethora of ski facilities (that render

the summer landscape especially hideous), it is heartening to find such places as Val Gardena determined not to join the club. If you do go to Val Gardena, be sure not to miss the Alpe di Suissi, a stiff hike or more leisurely ascent in a small cable car from Ortisci. This vast rolling flower-covered pla-teau, et an altitude of 1,800 meters (6,000 feet) and watched over by majestic Dolomite peaks, is the largest upland meadow in Eu-

Roderick Conway Morris is based in Venice and writes for The New York Times and The

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London

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anius Racynski; Paintings of the Late Romantic Period."

IRELAND

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Jerusalem The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Oct 21: "The Art of Leon Bakst." An assortment of works by the Russian artist and stage designer.

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Hara Museum (tel: 3445.0651). To Nov. 23: "Chile Today: Contempo-rary Art from Chile." Includes paintings, sculpture, prints, ceramics and photography. Tokyo

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has been said to be e part of a new
generation of German artists who. following World War II, provided European art with new incentive. The

tures Kusama Yayol, a Mitsumoto (Napano)-born artist who found her first inspirations in Georgia O'Keefle. Her rapresentative polke-dotted

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SPAIN Bercelons

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312.02.70). To Oct. 15: "Art from

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Museum of Modern Art (tel: 879,5500). To Jan. 12: "Henri Ma-tisse: A Retrospective." Four-hundred-piece retrospective devoted to the popular French master, includes some of his most important paintings, complemented by a generous selection of sculptures, drawings, paper cutouts and prints.

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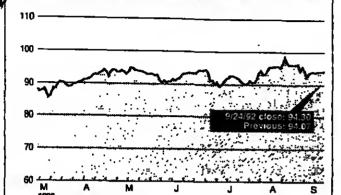
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WALL STREET WATCH

Junk Bonds Are Back. And Oh So Respectable

By Allen R. Myerson New York Times Service

EW YORK — Discredited and discarded just a couple of years ago, junk bonds are back. With \$29.5 billion in new public issues sold so far this year, investment firms expect to easily surpass the record junk bond sales of \$31.9 billion set in the giddy market of 1986.

Investment bankers and analysts swear on their prospectuses that the current surge for the high-risk, high-yield securities is no replay of the anything-goes debt binge of the 1980s — a binge that sometimes turned lawless. Few of the new issues are fueling fresh corporate takeovers or hostile

"The pirates of the Caribbe.
"In they're gone," said Mariel
Caribbean, they're Clemensen, director of highrield research at Lehman Brothers. Although many people had

Marie Som

hought the industry would van-sh, she said: "We survived. I can't believe it."

Most oew junk bonds are instead allowing companies to pay off rank debt or older bonds, often helping them to reduce interest sayments and lower their risks of default.

Mutual funds, besieged by investors seeking to regain some of the ncome they have lost on other holdings as interest rates have leclined, are the most eager buyers. For investors, however, the langer of loss from junk bonds remains.

lunk bonds, usually called high-yield bonds by the people trying o sell them, are those given relatively low ratings — or sometimes tone at all — by the agencies that grade corporate debt. They are ated below BBB minus by Standard & Poor's Corp. or Baa-3 by Moody's Investors Service.

Few investment advisers expect junk boods to continue making he spectacular gains of the last two years. At best, they say, buyers vill earn the current average rates of about 10.5 percent, a sharp omedown from the peak of 17 percent two years ago. Nonetheless, ates on junk bonds are well ahead of the 3 to 8 percent interest paid m money-market funds, savings accounts and the safest corporate

Some who scorned junk bonds in the past now recommend them. liebard C. Lehmann spent years saying in his Defaulted Bonds

Sweden Takes Steps To Ease Rate Pain

STOCKHOLM - The Swedish central bank took steps to ameliorate the effect of its high-interest-rate policy on its economy Thursday, a move analysts said was likely to help its defense of the krona.

The Riksbanken also said a record 59 billion kronor (10.5 billion) streamed out of the country in the week of Sept. 17 to Sept. 23. The central bank has tried to stem the outflow of currency by raising its rate on overnight loans to banks to avoid devaluing the krona. This

resulted in a Sept. 16 decision to raise the rate to an astounding 500 percent, which was reduced to a still-high 50 percent on Monday.

The central bank said Thursday it would provide up to 18 billion kronor to the country's mortgage institutions at a rate of 20 percent for up to four weeks.

The view from abroad has been that extraordinary krona defense

measures, such as the key marginal lending rate of 50 percent, could not be maintained for long because of damage to the already-weak Swedish financial sector. The oew measure will buy the Central Bank some more time, as well as boosting general market confidence and lifetime books realist sectors. lifting bank stocks, analysts said.

Only a minority of Swedish homes are financed on floating-rate

mortgages, which track the three-month treasury bills, and are therefore directly affected by recent interest-rate turbulence.

The main body of financing is based on two-year and five-year loans but a large number of these are being turned over in any given week.

Meanwhile, in Dublin, the Irish Central Bank tightened exchange controls and moved in to support the punt on Thursday, also seeking to avoid devaluation. Following Spain's lead in putting the squeeze on currency speculators, a central bank spokesman said "We suspended any swap activity by nonresidents in punts unless they receive explicit exchange control approval in advance."

Spain Curbs Cause Market Chaos

U.K. Dissents on EC Bank

Eleven of the 12 European Community countries have agreed that

Frankfurt should be the site of a future EC central bank, the German finance minister, Theo Waigel, said Thursday.

Britain is the sole obstacle to manimity on the decision, Agence France-Presse reported, citing comments by Mr. Waigel en route to Bonn from Washington.

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches

MADRID — Spain's stock and
bond markets went into a tailspin on Thursday as the impact of the sudden imposition of capital con-trols hit home.

The stock exchange general index fell through 200 to close at 197.80, its lowest level since early 1986, and bond prices plummeted. The Bank of Spain brought in emergeocy capital cootrols on Wednesday to defend the peseta, which had faced renewed attack

from speculators after being devalued last week by 5 percent in Europe's exchange rate mechanism The controls force banks lending pesetas to foreigners to deposit an equal amount with the central bank, effectively limiting the funds available, driving up short-term in-terest rates and making it practical-

ly impossible to borrow pesetas.

It boosted the value of the peseta against the Deutsche mark and stabilized it as the bank had intended,

but at a price. "The new Bank of Spain rules have saved the peseta but at the cost of shares and bonds," one

"Foreign investors are finding they cannot finance their positions

and that's provoking massive selling," said Santiago Fernández, an economist at Beta Capital.

Forward peseta rates shot up, making it prohibitively expensive for foreign investors to hedge their positions in the bond and stock

One share analyst compared the situation with the 1987 market col-lapse when the stock exchange stuck to its daily price movement limits and left many foreign inves-tors trapped, holding plummeting

"The issue is whether or not there is a sufficient emergency for

> nelly in Brussels. Several parts of EC legislation

In Brussels, EC officials said the markets and the assault on the pe EC Commission was unlikely to take action against the Spanish to comment officially on anything affecting the exchange markets following a leak Wednesday that the

Commission was looking into the such measures to be taken" said Howard Linman, an EC lawyer with Oppenheimer, Wolf & Don-

allow exchange-rate controls to be taken by member states in a crisis. The issue is whether the current turmoil on the European currency

Spanish move. Privately, many commission officials in DG2, the commission's macroeconomic directorate, weicome the measures taken by the Spanish government.

"I would be surprised of the commission does take any action on this one" said one senior official. "It seems like the sensible thing to do under the circum-

Under the EC's directive to liber alize capital movements, adopted by EC governments in 1988, mem-ber states are allowed to take protective measures restricting capita movements only when foreign-exchange markets are exposed to short-term capital movements of exceptional magnitude.

An aide to Mr. Waigel said the consensus on Frankfurt, where the Bundesbank has its headquarters, was the result of an informal survey of EC officials this week in Washington. Officials in Brussels said no formal Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Greece were allowed to defer the decision had been reached, however.

London is the EC's main financial center, but German officials are 1990 implementation deadline of tireless in noting that Germany has yet to be the site of a major EC

directive until the end of 1992. (Reusers, Bloomberg)

BA Buys Into a French Carrier

LONDON - British Airways said Thursday that it had agreed to buy 49,9 percent of TAT European

Airlines, a French-based commuter airline, pending European Commission regulatory approval. BA said it would pay £17.25 million (\$29.5 million) for the holding which it is buying from TAT Group. The British carrier added

that the purchase price might be changed when the transaction is completed, scheduled for January 1993. BA will hold four seats on the nine-member TAT board. Under the plan, BA has an option to buy the remaining 50.1 per-cent of TAT by April 1, 1997. Also, TAT has an option to force the

company to buy that stake by April

1997. Earlier this year, BA bought a

49 percent stake in the German

mestic carrier Deutsche BA.
"It's an add-on deal that's part of a global strategy at British Air," said Christopher Will, transportation analyst at Lehman Brothers loternational. "It has to be t is a very long-um

more meaningful carrier. TAT carried 3 million passen-gers in 1991 compared with British BA said th

port, where TAT controls 20 per-cent of the takeoff and landing slots, and uses a second hub in chase will neither dilute earnings Lyon. International flights use nor affect its debt-to-equity ratio. Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.
TAT flies to Gatwick Airport in London three times daily from Par-is and 10 times weekly from Lyon. BA still wants "to do a deal in Europe with a larger airline," ideal-

It has to be stressed, it's a very small deal, and its importance is a very long-term one.' Christopher Will, transportation analyst, Lehman Brothers.

stressed, it's a very small deal, and by one with its own airport hub, Mr. one" in that TAT can expand into a are unlikely to complain about the transaction because of its small

BA said the purchase is part of a Air's 25 million.

TAT was founded in 1968 and is plan to create a "global airline, with a significant presence in all based in m Tours, in the Loire major geographical markets," and Valley, It flies to 37 cities, 32 of establishes British Air in France. them in France. The domestic net- Germany and Britain, Europe's work is based at Paris's Orly Air- three largest air travel markets.

out of its cash reserves. The pur-

"This agreement represents an important development and investment for British Airways in an evolving European market," said Roger Maynard, BA's director of corporate strategy. BA plans to develop TATs international route network and "strengthen its competitive position as a regional airline within the oew European singie market."

The TAT purchase is the latest example of attempts by airlines to beat recession and low fares by gaining market share through cooperation agreements. On Wednesday, Air Canada and Air France said they would coordinate schednles and operations effective next Apal.

According to news reports. Virgin Atlantic, which is planning a European carrier, was to hold talks this week with Dan-Air about a possible merger. Virgin is interested in acquiring Dan-Air's routes to L France and Germany

In July, British Airways unveiled an agreement to buy 44 percent of USAir, capping a long search for a
U.S. partner. That search was stymied in 1989 by the collapse of
UAL Corp.'s employee buyout, in
which British Air was to have been an investor. Talks also foundered last spring about an alliance with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

Porsche Stock Slips on Shift at Top

By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service
FRANKFURT, Germany — The stock of Porsche AG slipped Thursday as the market digested news that a virtually unknown engineer was likely to take over as the automaker's chairman.

The German sports-car manufacturer an-oounced Wednesday that Arno Bohn, its chairman, was leaving at the end of this month because of "differences of opinion on corporate policy," three years before his contract was to expire. Porsche's supervisory board is expected to elect

Fiat's first-half pretax profit tambled. Page 15.

Wendelin Wiedeking, the 40-year-old head of production at the company, as its new chairman.

The company's stock price fell from 539 Deutsche marks (\$360) to 535 DM on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange on Thursday. The price had risen 34 marks a share Wednesday, or 6.7 percent, to 539

Brokers said there were romors that the Porsche family had bought sizable blocks of the company's stock Wednesday in an attempt to create the im-pression that Mr. Wiedeking's selection was being greeted positively by the market.

After working for Porsche from 1983 to 1988 in ess wish of the family owners. But he f low profile.

"He is virtually unknown in Stuttgart," said Klaus Dieter Ochler, who covers the auto industry for the Stuttgarter Zeitung. "He has a reputation for technical competence and obviously the back-

ing of the family.

predecessors have been ousted after disputes with

Why Mr. Bohn was dumped this week is an open question. Some observers think the change may be tied to last week's turbulence in the European Monetary System.

"Over 50 percent of Porsche's sales come from abroad, and Britain and Italy have been important markets for their cars," said an executive at a German auto company, who asked oot to be named. It is possible that Porsche got caught on the wrong side of some currency futures contracts when the realignment hit. That raises the possibili-ty that they could actually suffer a loss this fiscal year. The family seized the moment and pinned the blame on Bohn, who has always claimed financial

acumen as one of his strongest points."

Mr. Bohn had been at odds with the company's family owners for months over how to bring the world's last independent sports-car maker oul of a severe slump. In contract negotiations last winter, he managed to retain his job only after issuing an ultimatum: "Fire me or extend my contract."

Mr. Bohn, a marketing and financial specialist who came to Potsche from the board of the German computer manufacturer Nixdorf AG shortly before that company had to be rescued from collapse by Siemens AG, was trying to revive Porsche's slumping sales by developing a less exthe special products division, Mr. Wiedeking was pensive "entry level" sports car for the global brought back to the company in 1991 at the ex-

> the development of a top-of-the-line sports coupe scating four people that would sell for more than \$100,000. Prices for the company's line of sports cars currently begin around \$39,850 and end near \$200,000.

The state of Porsche's health is unclear. But sales have tumbled in the United States, which was Getting along with the owners and developing a new model may prove to be the toughest challenges facing Mr. Wiedeking in his oew post. He will be the fifth Porsche chairman since 1980. Five of his world, industry analysts said.

U.S. Growth at 1.5% During the 2d Quarter

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at a slightly less anemic rate than first thought in the April-June quarter, but new claims for unemployment benefits rose in mid-September for the fourth week

in a row, the government said Thursday.

Consumer caution held the seasonally adjusted advance in the gross domestic product to an annual rate of 1.5 percent in the second quarter, the Commerce Department said, revising its previous estimated in the second control of the commerce department said, revising its previous estimated in the second control of the second control mate of 1.4 percent.

The second quarter performance followed a moderate increase of an annual 2.9 percent in the first three months of the year. That is considered poor for just after a recession but it still was the best

growth since the early months of the Bush administration.

Separately, the Labor Department said 414,000 Americans filed applications for unemployment during the week ended Sept. 12, an increase of 15,000. It was the fourth consecutive rise.

Analysts expected the mostly gloomy economic news to continue between oow and the Nov. 3 presidential election.

"I can't see how the impression could possibly change before the election," said one economist, Paul W. Boltz of T. Rowe Price Associates in Baltimore. For political issues, he said, "George Bush

is stuck with family values at this point." Next week, the Labor Department reports on September's unemployment rate. Many economists fear the end of a federal summer jobs program for teenagers and job losses from the hurricane will cause an increase from the 7.6 percent August rate.

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"What the numbers show is the economy is oot particularly buoyant," said Paul Lally of R.H. Wrightson & Associates in New York. "We're still struggling to get our head above water."

Brady Sought Greenspan Policy Pledge

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady pres-sured the Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, to achieve a certain amount of economie growth shortly before Mr. Greenspan's renomination and thought of growth, he had received a commitment, according to administration officials. But mey denied that the Fed chairman had agreed to change monetary policy at Mr. Brady's behest.

Administration officials said that in meetings in July 1991, Mr. Brady told the Fed chairman that he hoped the Fed would help achieve 3 percent growth in 1992. The meetings came just before President George Bush renominated Mr. Greenspan to a second four-year term as chairman.

Joseph R. Coyne, a Federal Reserve spokesman, said, "As far as extracting a commitment to achieve a certain level of economic growth, that's nonsense."

Economists said that it would be highly unusual and improper for a Treasury secretary to seek a commitment from a Federal Reserve chairman to schieve a certain level of economic growth as a quid pro quo for renomination.

The interaction between Mr. Brady and Mr. Greenspan was first reported in the Los Angeles Times Wednesday in an article suggesting that the nomination of Mr. Greenspan was delayed to pressure him to toe the administration's line. Three administration officials desired that this was the reason and nied that this was the reason, and one said that tensions between Mr. Brady and John H. Sunum, then the White House chief of staff, caused the delay.

firmed that Mr. Brady had evidently misconstrued something that Mr. Greenspan had said. This offi-cial said that Mr. Brady had come away thinking that Mr. Greenspan had committed himself to changing Fed policies to reach a certain rate

Fed officials as well as economists said it would be absurd for a Federal Reserve chairman — just one of seven members of the Federal Reserve Board — to agree to achieve a certain level of growth because so many economic vari-ables exist that this would be im-"It's off the mark to say a com-

mitment was asked and a commitment was given," said a Treasury official who was involved in moneoot too off the mark was they met and talked about Fed policy." This official added that it was

clear that Mr. Brady thought Mr. Greenspan was moving too slowly to lower rates. The official noted that the two men have long met with each other several times a Mr. Coyne, the Federal Reserve

spokesman, confirmed that Mr. Brady and Mr. Greenspan met in July 1991 shortly before he was renominated. "Brady did mention to the chairman that be would like interest rates lower, but he's been saying that for three years," Mr. Coyne said.

One administration official speculated that in their talks Mr. Greenspan might have explained to Mr. Brady that Federal Reserve members had agreed among themselves to increase the money supply by between 2.5 persons and 5 persons. by between 2.5 percent and 6.5 per

istration energetically criticized the it would not have been optrageous Federal Reserve for failing to meet for Mr. Brady to seek assurances the central bank's own targets for from Mr. Greenspan that he would monetary growth, saying that this seek to achieve 3 percent growth helped cause the economic recovery of early 1991 to sputter in the second half of the year.

since that was a modest goal. During the first year following other postwar recessions, this official helped cause the economic recov-Administration officials said noted, economic growth averaged

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MARKET DIARY

Rate Outlook Helps End Losing Streak

streak with a moderate gain on Thursday that was fueled by a rally in bonds.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 9.18 points, to 3,287.87. Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.04 points to 418.48, and the Nasdaq Combined Composite index gained 2.97 to 585.93.

On the New York Stock Exchange, advancers outnumbered

N.Y. Stocks

decliners by a margin of roughly 4 Volume slowed to about 188 million shares from 204.4 million on

Trading, sluggish most of the day, surged near the close with sev-eral larg≡ block trades of American Telephone & Telegraph.

AT&T, going ex-dividend Thursday, fell % to 43%. It was the most

actively traded U.S. stock. Weak data on the economy gave a boost to stocks and bonds because the slow growth implied borrowing costs would remain modest.

The gross domestic product and unemployment claims just rein-forces the fact they can't raise rates now - it would kill the economy," said Dale Tills, manager of institu-tional equities trading of Charles Schwab in San Francisco.

The Commerce Department said the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 1.5 percent in the second quarter, slightly faster than earlier estimated, but corporate profits af-

ter taxes were weaker than first NEW YORK - Wall Street re- thought. The Labor Department bounded from a three-day losing said 15,000 Americans, or twice as many as expected, filed first-time claims for state unemployment in-surance in the week ended Sept. 12.

Bonds jumped on the rise in jobless claims, pushing the yield on the benchmark 30-year bond down to 7.41 percent from 7.48 percent late Wednesday as the price rose 23/32

After AT&T, the most active stocks were Merck & Co., Unisys Corp., General Motors Corp., and Greenwich Pharmaceuticals.

Drug stocks were a standout to-day. Merck [ell 1½ to 45% as data from the research firm IMS America showed slowing prescription growth for two of the company's

major drugs.
Glaxo Holdings PLC ADRs dipped 1/2 to 26%. The IMS data showed new prescriptions for ulcer drug Zantac rose only 2 percent in

August from last year.
Continental Corp. plunged 61/2 to
24 on volume of 1.8 million shares
after the company announced the
charges it will have to absorb to cover the recent hurricanes.

Other insurance stocks rose on the belief that Continental's woes will spur an increase in property-casualty rates, analysts said. American International Group jumped 71/4 to 1011/4. General Re surged 81/4 to 1021/4, and Chubb

soared 41/2 to 791/4. Reuters Holdings PLC ADRs jumped 3 to 65% after Merrill Lynch recommended purchase of the stock for the intermediate term. (UPI, Bloomberg)

YEN: Strongest Currency Around

(Continued from page 1)

of a rise in the yen and Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, reiterated Thursday that he still favored a firming of the yen over the long term, according to press reports.

Still, investors in the Tokyo stock market interpreted the devel-

Foreign Exchange

opments favorably. The Nikkei index of 225 stocks rose 327,23 points Thursday to close at 18,609,95.

With Japan's own economy in a steep slump and interest rates low, the yen hardly appears to be a candidate for a strong rally. Many executives and economists believe that the yen looks good only by default, as investors seek to escape the turmoil in Europe and because prospects for the American economy are uncertain.

The main reason for the sharp rise of the yen doesn't exist in the yen itself," said Akira Satate, deputy general manager of foreign exinge at the Bank of Tokyo. Some executives said the current strength of the yea would be only

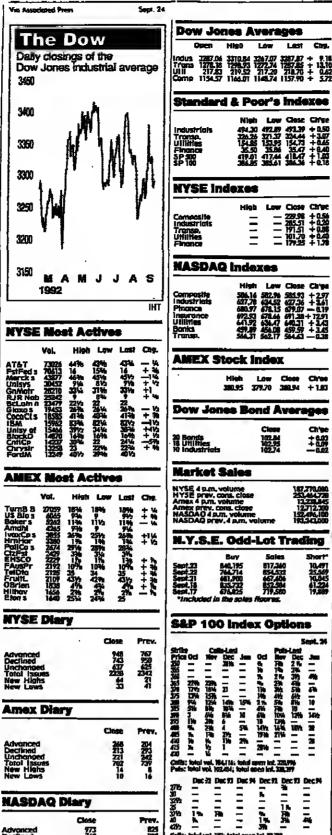
transitory. But others say the same factors that have brought the yen to its current position will drive it

even higher.
The yen is oow a safe-haven currency," said Robert Alan Feldman, director of economics and market analysis for Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd., who thinks the dollar will fall to 115 yen or even

dollar slipped slightly against the mark as strains in the European Monetary System seemed to abate slightly and as unemployment claims data highlighted the weakness of the U.S. economy.

Traders said an easing in European tensions, no matter how slight, tended to dent the dollar's safe-haven status, causing it to drop to 1.4830 DM, down from 1.4990 DM on Wednesday.

The dollar climbed as high as 1.3200 Swiss francs after that country cut interest rates. But traders quickly took profits and drove it down to 1.3025 francs, off from 1.3095 francs on Wednesday. The pound stood at \$1.7085, little changed from \$1.7105.



Continental's Storm Charge

million in pretax charges in the third quarter for losses from Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki and for its withdrawal from "nonstrategic" businesses.

Iniki will cost insurers about \$1.6 billion, ranking it as the industry's third-costliest U.S. disaster, said an insurance group in Hartford, Con-

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Moody's Reviews Volvo's CP Rating

NEW YORK (AFX) — Moody's Investors Service is reviewing the Prime-I commercial paper ratings of Volvo AB and its guaranteed units for possible downgrading, affecting about \$1 billion of commercial paper. "The review will focus on the adequacy of Volvo's debt-protection measurements given a protracted downturn in worldwide auto and truck demand, growing economic and financial pressures within Scandinavia, and Volvo's total indebtedness being reduced at a slower rate than was originally expected." Moody's said.

Units' ratings under review include Volvo Finance North America Inc., Volvo Cars of North America Inc., Volvo Group Finance Europe BV and Volvo Group Finance Sweden AB.

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Robr to Cut U.S. Aircraft Parts Jobs

CHULA VISTA, California (UPI) - Rohr Inc.'s top executive has told employees that the company may have to cut as many as 2,000 jobs. over the next two to three years because of the slumping airline industry, a spokesman said Thursday.

Robert Goldsmith, chairman of the aircraft parts producer, made the disclosure in meetings with employees at Riverside, California, and its headquarters in Chula Vista in the past week. He said the projected cuts were the result of widespread cancellations and postponements of commercial airline deliveries and forecasts that the downturn would continue. He said he expected conditions to rebound by the middle of the decade, Rohr, which has about 9,100 employees, has already cut 2,000 jobsfrom its work force over the past 14 months.

General Dynamics to Lay Off 440

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — General Dynamics Corp. said Thursday it would cut 10 percent to 15 percent of the jobs at its Space Systems Division over the next several months, idling at least 440 workers.

"It is absolutely occessary to balance the size and sill mix of our workforce with the realities of our market place," said Michael W. Wynne, provident of the division which has 4 400 percentages.

president of the division, which has 4.400 employees.

The military contractor said most of the cuts will take place at the division's facilities in San Diego, which has 3,100 jobs, and at its facilities in Cape Canaveral, Florida, where it employs 560 workers.

SEC Files Suit on Motel 6 Trading

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — The Securities and Exchange Commission has filed a lawsuit against 18 individuals and a brokerage firm, charging that they used insider information to trade securities of Motel 6,

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The SEC charges that they traded Motel 6's securities before the chaio was acquired by Accor SA of France in August 1990. Before the acquisition, Kohlberg, Kravis & Roberts owned a majority of the Dallas-

based chain through various partnerships.

In the lawsuit, the SEC says that Hugh Thrasher, executive vice president in charge of corporate communications at Motel 6, provided inside information on the pending acquisition to his longtime friend, Carl Harris. Mr. Harris, who has since died, passed on the tip to his relatives and numerous friends and acquaintances, the SEC said. One of those to whom he gave information was Ira Gorman, a principal of Gorman Commodities & Securities Inc., the SEC said.

Unisys Restores Preferred Dividend

NEW YORK (AP) — Unisys Corp., the struggling computer maker, which has returned to profitability after closing plants and laying off workers, said Thursday that it would resume paying a dividend on its preferred stock.

Unisys also said it would pay out more to these shareholders than the regular dividend as it attempted to make up for the dividends it stopped paying during its financial troubles.

Unisys, based in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, has also stopped paying the dividend on its common stock. Companies must first repay any back dividends owed own preferred shares before they are permitted to restore

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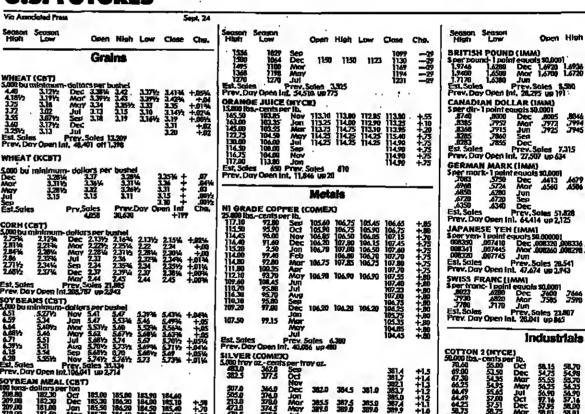
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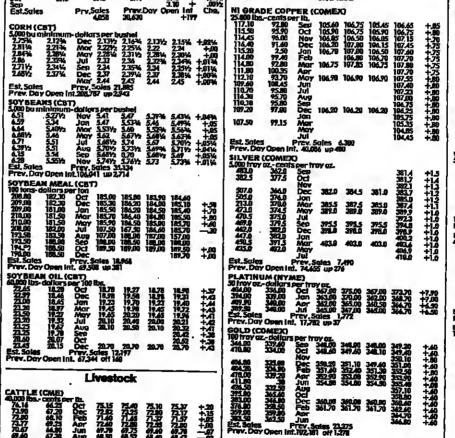
NEW YORK - Continental Corp. said Thursday it will take \$320

Continental also accepted the resignation of its president and recom-mended slashing its quarterly dividend to 25 cents a share from 65 cents. Continental estimated its losses from the hurricane designated Iniki, which struck Hawaii on Sept. 11, will total \$55 million after reinsurance. (Bloomberg, AP)

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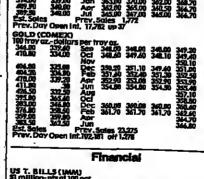
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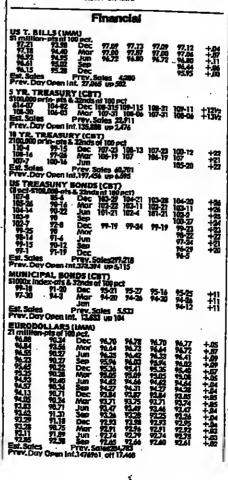
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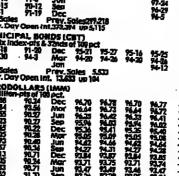
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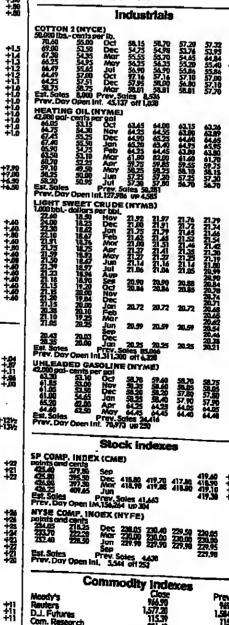
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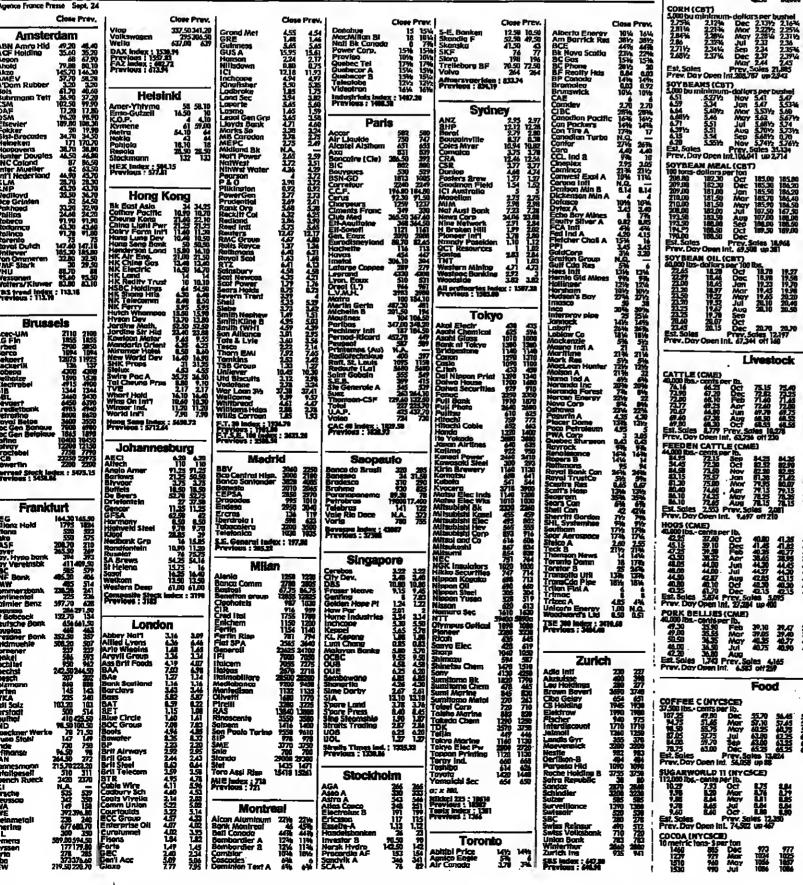








WORLD STOCK MARKETS



Hagen Wins Nedlloyd Seat

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Court Gives Norwegian Investor Long-Sought Position

By Barbara Smit

ecial to the Herald Tribun AMSTERDAM — Torstein Hagen, a controversial Norwegian investor, won an 18-month battle Thursday as a court order propelled him onto the board of Nedlloyd Groep NV over the objections of employees, who can block appointments of directors under Dutch

Mr. Hagen, who asked to be appointed to the board in March 1991, owns 27 percent of the troubled transportation concern. The enterprises division of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal said Thursday that the expections raised to his appointment were unfounded. "I"We're obviously disappointed, but there is nothing else we can do," Bloomberg Business News quoted the employees' council chairman, Izak de Looff, as saying in Rotterdam. "In general, the idea of a big shareholder in a position of power as supervisory board member causes us problems," said Mr. de Looff.]

The court ruling comes after several years of jousting between Mr. Hagen and the supervisory board, which until earlier this year rejected the Norwegian as a raider, and unreliable.

"A lot of water has gone under the bridge," said Pieter Knottenbelt, a Nedlloyd spokesman. He explained that Mr. Hagen had abandoned demands to change the company's legal structure and promised not to take hostile actions.

Shareholders welcomed Mr. Hagen's surprise appointment by the supervisory board: The Norwegian investor had presented tough plans for Nedlloyd to divest noncore activities worth about 1.7 billion guil-ders (\$1.01 billion) and predicted fast recovery. He further piedged to defend the interest of the Nedlloyd shareholders.

The employees council blocked the board appointment, however, fearing Mr. Hagen's reorganization plans would cause large-scale job losses. After investigations about his track record in the Norwegian shipping industry, the council alleged that Mr. Hagen only intended to raise the share price and sell his stake.

"Nedlioyd employees were clearly afraid for their jubs. Hagen said he wanted to divest all noncore activities, and there are still a lot of them," said Richard Brakenhoff, a transportation analyst at Pierson, Heldring & Pierson.

In an apparent tit-for-tat move, the shareholders mittee then blocked the nomination of Olivier van Royen and Jan van Smijvenberg, two candidates sup-ported by the employees council. All three appointments should come into effect next month under the

Nedlloyd shares fell slightly in Amsterdam, losing 1.20 guilders, to 35.50, probably because the nomination has already been discounted by investors.

Fiat's Pretax Profit Tumbles 55% Despite Boost from Telecoms Sale

TURIN - Fiat SpA, Italy's largest car maker and largest private sector company, said Thursday that its pretax profit dropped in 655 billion Italian lire (\$521 million) in the first half of 1992, down 55 percent from a year earlier.

The fall in profit would have been even sharper without one-time gains from the sale of Fiat's stake in Alcatel Italia, the Italian unit of Alcatel
Alsthom SA. A Fiat spokesman said the Alcatel sale boosted pretax profit by 367 billion lire.

Citing the "negative international situation," the company said that pretax profit as a percentage of sales fell to 22 percent in the first half of 1992 from

4.9 percent in the year-earlier period. The company said that the second half of the year has been "characterized by increasing uncertainty and preoccupation regarding the interna-tional economic situation." However, a company spokesman said he expected the company to turn profit for the year as a result of restructuring and

action being taken to contain costs. Shares of the company, which represents 3.5 percent of Italy's total economic output, tumbled

months ago.

year-earlier period.

pence per share from 3.70 pence.

cuts would require Vickers to take a charge of £12 million in the second half.

Mr. Lloyd said heavy reduc-

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

tion in demand in Japan had

been "particularly disappoint-

The company said that the job

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LONDON - The luxury car

maker Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. said Thursday it was laying off 30 percent of its total work

The Rolls-Royce chairman,

Peter Ward, said he "deeply regretted" the 950 factory job

losses but the company saw no

sign of recovery in the recession-hit car industry.

to protect remaining jobs and

ensure we can support continu-ing investment," be said.

The company said the jobs

would be lost by the end of the

year at its factory in Crewe, north of London. The remaining

worldwide work force at Rolls-

Royce Motor will be 2,400, com-

"We must take this action now

by 75 line, or 2 percent, to 3,565 line on the Milan Stock Exchange on Thursday. Analysts said that Fiat's lower profit would be

taken as a sign that overall investment and con-sumer spending are slowing down in Italy, the

analysts said.

Consolidated sales edged up 2.2 percent in the first half to 30.142 trillion lire, while investment rose 7 percent to 1.654 trillion lire, Fiat said. Fiat also announced that its net debt jumped to 2.51 trillion line at June 30 compared to a net cash position of 431 billion lire a year before.

At Fiat Auto, the automobile unit that repre-

sents about half the group, sales fell 6.3 percent to 14.379 trillion lire. With a European market share of 12.6 percent, it remains the second largest car maker in Europe, behind Volkswagen AG.
Sales of industrial vehicles were little changed at 4.244 trillion lire, compared with 4.225 trillion lire

Fiat also announced that its construction unit Cogefar Impresit SpA recorded a first half operating loss of 9 billion lire compared with a profit of

16 billion for the same period a year earlier. (Renters, Bloomberg, AFX) Rolls-Royce Cars Lays Off Ford of Britain Idles 1,350

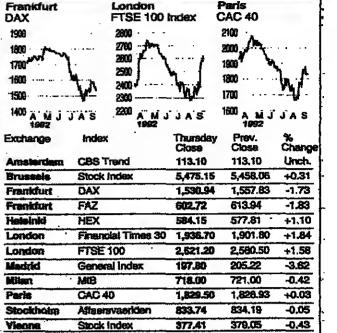
950, or 30% of Workers Compiled by Our Staff Fram Dispatche LONDON - Ford Motor Co., Britain's largest car maker, said Thursday it would cut 1,350 pared with some 5,300 eighteen obs from two plants because of Rolls-Royce's parent company, Vickers PLC, announced a falling sales caused by the receshalf-year pretax loss on Thurs-day of £4.1 million (\$7.02 mil-

Ford last cut its British work force in February when it shed 2,100 of its 40,000 jobs. The company said it would cut

ion), a slightly smaller loss than £4.3 million reported for the October car production by The company also announced that it cut its dividend to 0.50 12,000 units in view of lagging car sales. Last month it cut September output by 8,000 units.

In the new cris, the company will reduce production of the Fr-esta model at its Dagenham plant in Essex by 6,000 units. A further 6,000 units of its Escort and Orion models will be affected at its Halewood plant on Mer-

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

Investor's Europe

Birgit Breuel, president of Germany's Trenhand denationalization agency, said 70 percent of the former East Germany's state-owned companies have been sold or liquidated; she said 3.810 concerns remained on the agency's books, employing 670,000 people

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Usinor-Sacilor said its Unimetal unit sold a 30 percent stake in Georgetown Steel of the United States back to the parent company, Georgetown Industries; it retains a 20 percent interest in the company. • Klöckner-Werke AG's sales in the nine months ended June 30 rose 2.7 percent to 5,36 billion Deutsche marks (\$3.6 billion) from a year earlier. Forbo AG said its Forbo-Stamoid AG division will cooperate with Huber & Schner AG in production, sales and development of coated fabrics for the construction industry.

 Marzotto SpA's first-half consolidated net profit fell 54 percent to 9.3 billion lire (\$7.4 million) from a year earlier, while group sales rose 42 percent to 951.8 billion lire.

Italcable SpA's first-half pretax profit rose 5.4 percent to 143.6 billion lire from a year earlier on a sales gain of 6.2 percent to 362 billion lire. Loarho PLC confirmed the sale of its Firsteel Group Ltd. unit to a management buyout team led by Phildrew Ventures

. Linde AG, the German engineering company, won a contract for 150 million DM to carry out engineering operations on a chemical plant in South Africa.

Tisch-Ranieri Bid Rejected Perrier Plans 1993 Cutback Of 750 Jobs

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Source Perrier, recently acquired by the Swiss food giant Nestlé SA, has announced that it expects to cut 750 jobs next year from its work force of 5,400.

Perrier said Wednesday that nn workers would be fired. The plan, as submitted to worker representatives, calls for training programs, early retirement and the use of parttime employees.

The planned cuts signal that Perrier's profitability has suffered from a 1990 health scare and slack markets.

Citing the 1990 cutback in output following the discovery of traces of cancer-causing benzene in Perrier samples in the United States. Perrier said production in 1991 was 40 percent below its level of 1989.

It added that the mineral water market had "stagnated" over the last two years.

(AFP, Reuters)

Kuwait Is to Bail Out Grupo Torras

For Canary Wharf Project

LONDON - Bankers for the Canary Wharf office development have rejected a bid for the troubled project by a U.S. group that includes the chairman of CBS Inc., Laurence Tisch, the lead bank said Thursday.

Lloyds Bank said seven of the 11 banks voted earlier this week at a meeting in New York to reject the £235 million (\$402 million) bid from the group, which also includes Lewis Ranieri, a former vice chairman of The bid had been put together by the founder of Olympia & York Developments Ltd., Paul Reichmann, who wanted to maintain a stake in

Canary Wharf after losing control of the London project in May as the company's financial troubles grew. Canary Wharf, Europe's largest commercial office development, was envisioned by Mr. Reichmann as a new center for European business, but it sits unfinished in a location some distance from London's financial

center, and there is doubt whether anyone will put up the money to

extend a subway line to the complex. Olympia & York sought bankruptcy court protection in May for the £3 billion Canary Wharf project and its Canadian properties after talks with the bankers collapsed.

EC Inflation 4.1% in August JUNK: High-Yield Bonds Are Back, and Respectable The Associated Press

BRUSSELS - The European Community's average annual infla-tion rate stayed steady at 4.1 per-cent in August, the EC statistics agency Eurostat reported Thurs-Newsletter that the bonds' high interest rates failed to justify their

Mr. Lehmann is now also publishing a monthly High Yield Securities Journal that concentrates day. The EC rate compared to 3.1 percent for the United States and 1,7 percent for Japan. more on the opportunities. "We can actually say some positive things for a change," he said.

Defaults on the bonds peaked at yield more than 10 percent "Peo-\$28.5 billion in 1990, as many sav- ple need that yield, and they are ings and loans, insurance compa-nies and individual investors aband many critics doubted that the market would ever revive.

So far this year, defaults are July, junk bond funds had \$32.2 down to \$5.6 billion. In Mr. Leb-billion in assets, up 71 percent from

(Continued from first finance page) mann's view, investors are now the low at the end of 1990 but overestimating the risk of default, below the peak of \$35.5 billion in especially for the strongest junk June 1989. The recent increase reespecially for the strongest junk

> Just a few years ago, mutual fund investors fied from junk bond bonds in the funds' portfolios. funds. They took a net 59.2 billion Over the last two years investors. out of such funds in the last half of 1989 and all of 1990.

Now they have plunged back into junk bond funds, which can

flects both the money that has come in and the rising value of the

Over the last two years, investors have enjoyed price gains as well as high yields. Since early 1991, bond prices have risen as interest rates have fallen.

MARKETS: After the Swiss, Germans May Cut Rates (Continued from page 1) over the past four or five years,"

that "the market is not convinced the fight is over." Nevertheless, the clear reduction in the selling pressure on the franc

was an indication that some reassment was under way. "This has not been a speculative driven attack on the franc; it's been a flow-driven unwinding of genuobserved Andres Drobny at CS Drobny said. First Boston.

Foreign investors are estimated to have been holding some 800 bil-lion francs (\$150 billion) of bonds

The decision to sell the assets or cover the exchange risk does not ine investments built up in France occur all at once.

Contributing to the mood of reassessment was a report in two newspapers asserting that Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President François Mitterrand at their meet-

ing in Paris on Tuesday had agreed to link the franc with the mark. The story was officially denied in Paris and Bonn.

"lt's a domino effect," Mr.

MADRID — Grupo Torras SA said the Kuwait Investment Office has decided to inject 240 billion pesetas (\$2.36 billion) into the group, which is the KIO's Spanish helding company. The company said 140 billion pestetas will be used to recapitalize the holding company, with a further 40 billion injected into Torras Papel. The Kuwaiti decision comes after a meeting between Kuwaiti officials and Spain's finance minister, Carlos Solchaga, in Washington on Tuesday to discuss Kuwait's future investment strategy in Spain.

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Lithuania Joins Move to Jettison Ruble

MOSCOW — The unpopular Russian ruble weakened Thursday, following an announcement that Lithuania would join the other Baltic republics in instituting its own currency. At the twice-weekly currency auction on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, the dollar rose to a record 248 rubles, up from 241, the

revious record, set at the previous session, on Tuesday. Trading volume was \$63 million.

Traders attributed the latest weakness in the ruble to an increase in domestic oil prices,

which is expected to fuel inflation. In Lithuania, Prime Minister Aleksandras Abisala said the country would replace the battered ruble with a temporary system of cou-

pons on Oct. 1. The government and central bank decided it was necessary to have our own government and bank-ruled monetary system." Mr. Abisala told national television Wednesday evening. This is the only way to start stabilizing the economy and restore order." he said.

Lithuania will become the last of the three newly-independent Baltic republics to ditch the rouble, now plunging in value against the dollar amid growing fears the Russian economy is

being overwhelmed by inflation.

The coupons will be valid until the introduction of the litas, the planned national currency. but Mr. Abisala gave no hint of when this might

Latvia has already temporarily replaced the ruble with the Latvian rouble. In June Estonia introduced its own permanent currency, the kroon, which is pegged to the Deutsche mark.

"Perhaps some of you will be disappointed that we are not introducing the litas immediately," Mr. Abisala said. "After long discussions we decided to choose the Latvian variant and to introduce an intermediate money so that the transfer to this system would oot be painful."

He said coupons would be made available immediately and would have the same face value as rubles until Oct. 1, after which the former Soviet currency could be changed at banks according to the market rate.

"Lithuania has an old tradition of strong money. Before (World War Two) the litas was

(Reuters, AP, AFP)

■ Professional Pay Rise

Russia boosted salaries Thursday for teachers and health workers, whose pay has lagged far behind industrial wages and the galloping rate of inflation, United Press International reported from Moscow.

Labor Ministry officials said state-paid doctors, teachers and cultural workers would see their pay double, compared with last June.

the budget deficit and strengthen the ruble, public-sector employees have been hit the hardest, forced to watch their real income fall as prices have skyrocketed.

The pay increase is clearly intended to pacify teacher and health worker unions, which have staged frequent strikes for higher wages. The average industrial wage is 6,305 rubles a month.

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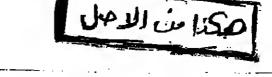
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Westpac Rights Issue Was Worse Than Imagined

SYDNEY — Westpac Banking Corp. revealed Thursday that its failed rights issue was a speciacular flop, leaving the under-writers with responsibility for \$638 million of unsold shares and putting a crimp in the market for this kind of offering. Westpac said only 27.4 percent of the 1.22 billion Australian dollars (\$882.1 mil-

lion) of shares available in its three-for-10 rights issue were subscribed, leaving CS First Boston Australia Equities and other underwriters holding about \$83 million dollars worth of the shares, when valued at the 3-dollar-a-share offering price.

The undersubscription had been an-

nounced on Wednesday, but the revela-

tion of its extent surprised analysts.
"There is a lack of confidence by the market in the bank," said Nestor Hinzak at the Bain & Co. brokerage house,

Westpac's stock fell 8 cents, to 2.92 dollars, a share. The underwriters were

offering their shares Thursday at 3 dollars each, the price Westpac will receive.
Underlining the weakness of the rights issue was the fact that Australian Mutual Provident Society, Westpac's largest shareholder with 15 percent of its shares, has said it would subscribe fully to its entitlement. That means only 12.4 percent of the shares, outside the AMP holding. were taken up by current stockholders. Brokers said that one reason for the

large shortfall in the rights issue was the expectation among institutional investors that they would be able to pick up the unwanted shares at less than the 3 dollar price after the issue closed. The market also has been rife with ru-

more for a week that a major investor, such as the tycoon Kerry Packer, would emerge to pick up a big stake in the bank. Mr. Packer was rumored to have been a big buyer of Westpac rights, with speculation be may be entitled to close to 5 percent of the bank.

There were rumors Thursday, apparently originating in Hong Kong, that Mr. Packer and the New Zealand investor Sir Ron Brierley were jointly buying shares.

amid escalatiog concerns about the out-look for the bank after a record half-year loss of 1.7 billion dollars. lo early May, when it announced the loss in the period that ended March 31, Westpac's stock traded at 4.31 dollars.

Analysts said the outcome signals that corporations are going to have to offer new shares at a greater discount to the market price than the usual 10 percent if they hope to attract underwriters and investors.

"I think now the discount is going to be up to 20 percent, said Roger Coleman, an analyst at Bankers Trust Securities.

(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters, AFX)

New Zealand Weighs NAFTA

It May Seek to Join if GATT Talks Fail, Leader Says

OTTAWA - If the current talks on world trade liberalization fail. New Zealand and other Pacific Rim countries may seek membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement, Prime Minister Jim Bolger has predicted.

Mr. Bolger, on a side trip to the Canadian capital while attending the UN General Assembly in New York, met for an hour Wednesday

Mr. Bolger, on a side trip to the marily on the trade talks, which are being carried out within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. with Canada's international trade minister, Michael Wilson.

He said at a news briefing that their conversation had focused pri-

Domestic Strength Helps Lift Brierley's Earnings by 19%

WELLINGTON - Brierley Investments Ltd. said Thursday that consolidated net profit for the year ended June 30 rose 19 percent from a year earlier, largely on a lift in earnings in New Zealand and on lower

Brierley said earnings rose to 251.1 million New Zealand dollars (\$136

Revenue for the fiscal year fell 25 percent to 4.3 billion dollars. The decline was attributed to the sale of the British-based automotive concern

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourne during the year. Brierley is considered a key indicator of the New Zealand economy because of substantial interests it holds in major companies, including Air New Zealand, the forestry giant Carter Holt Harvey Ltd. and the

liquor concern Magnum Ltd. Separately, Ashlar Corp., a New Zealand-Danish consortium, said it was ready to lodge an unconditional hid for the fisheries concern Sealord Products with Carter Holt Harvey. The bid is in compension with a government-supported proposal put forward by a partnership of Brierley Investments and Maori-backed interests.

He said they had agreed that there was "a narrow window of opportunity" - between the French vote approving European economic union and the Nove presidential elections in the United States—for Washington and Brussels to thrash out an agreement

over farm subsidies. This is the prime issue holding up any agreement on trade liberal-ization on a global scale.

Asked whether New Zealand would be interested in joining NAFTA - the recently negotiated free trade pact between Canada, Mexico and the United States -Mr. Bolger said this was one possi-

bility if the GATT talks failed. If the GATT talks succeed, he aid, he feels there will be no need for NAFTA to expand beyond the Americas. But if GATT fails, he said, it will make sense to have just one trade bloc encompassing the Americas and the Pacific rather than two or more regional groups.

New Zealand is already a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference.

News Corp. Shares Lifted By S&P Credit Upgrade

SYDNEY - Shares in the Australian-born media magnate Rupert Mordoch's News Corp. jumped 22 cents to 24,20 Austra-tian dollars (\$17,50) Thursday on the stock exchange, buoyed by news of an imminent upgrading of its credit rating and predictions of

record profit.

The international ratings agency Standard & Poor's Corp. announced Thursday that News Corp. would be upgraded on com-pletion of a \$1 billion dollar senior debt issue and a global offering of

40 million shares. S&P hinted at a further upgrade, to BBB, the bottom rung of

the iovestment grade ladder,

should the company manage to refinance bank facilities on satisfac-

Mr. Murdoch predicted in San Francisco that the company was likely to post a record profit this year and, when asked if the compaoy was over the worst of its debt problems, said: "I'd say over them all." News Corp. had to ask banks in 1990 to roll over debt totaling

more than \$7.6 billion. Asked about acquisition plans, Mr. Murdoch said: "Well, nothing significant. Tidying up the portfo-lio, selling a little something here, buying something. Nothing hig ei-

(Reuters, AFX, AFP)

Thai Airline **Expects Fall** In Earnings

BANGKOK — Thai Airways International will report lower-than-expected financial results this year, its president said Thursday. The execotive, Chatrachai Bunya-Ananta added that the airline was likely to offer 200 million additional shares to the public within 12 months.

Mr. Chatrachai, appointed the company's first civilian president this month, said the airline would miss its revenue target because of domestic and foreign factors, in-cluding the street disturbances in May that pot off tourists. He re-fused to disclose profit figures for the year to Sept. 30, saying they would be announced in December. Equity analysts say they expect
Thai Airways profit to fall far short
of the 5.23 billion haht (\$207 million) projected earlier.

The president said he would streamline the airline, in part by

disposing of five of its 66-plane fleet. "Certainly we will have to raise capital," Mr. Chatrachai said. At Thai Airways' initial public offering in March, 100 million shares, about 7 percent of equity, were underwrit-ten at 60 baht per share.

Since being listed on the Stock Exchange of "hailand in July, the shares have mostly traded below their underwriting price due to poor corporate earnings and a decline in tourism. Thursday, the stock closed down 1 baht at 58.5 baht.

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National Index

 Allied Group Ltd. of Hong Kong signed two property deals in Shandoog province, including an urban renewal development in the city of Yantai that will cost about 1 hillion yuan (\$18.5 million).

• Kumagai Gumi (Hong Kong) Ltd. is launching a series of property projects to southern China, including a complex in Gunagahou that will cost about 1.5 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$194 millioo).

· Peugeot Japan Co., a unit of the French automaker, said it would

become a joint venture with Incheape PLC of Britain to import and sell Peugeot vehicles in Japan beginning in 1993. Bunbury, a West Australian port, has been chosen as the site for a steel mill to be built by Compact Steel, a consortium including Siemens AG

and Voest-Alpine AG. Hitachi Sales Corp. cut its parent pretax profit forecast for the year ending io March 1993 to 590 million yen (\$4.93 million) from a forecast of 3.9 billion yen due to falling sales in key consumer sectors.

 Japan Bond Research Institute downgraded the long-term bond credit rating for Toshiba Corp. to AA from AAA due to the sluggish semicon-

ductor market and a decline in personal computer exports. Australian Securities Commission said a unit of GIO Australia Holding Ltd. and some of its trust managers may have breached corporate law

with recent share transactions, Onward Kashiyama Co., Japao's largest maker of men's suits, is building a theme park in Guam aimed at Japanese tourists, according to Nihon Reuters, AFP, AFX, Bloomberg

Chinese Steelmaker Joins the Stock Parade

BELIING - The big Ma'anshan Iron & Steel company will be the next concern to join China's experiment with issuing shares of stock, the news

agency Xinhua said Thursday.
The cabinet has authorized Ma'anshan to be a pilot company in what Xinhua called a program of standardization of share holding. Its 100,000 work-

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The news agency did oot give further details, but analysts said the state was sure to maintain a controlling interest in such a key company. The shares are likely to be issued only to employees.

China recently turned to a shareholding system to invigorate inefficient and capital-starved industries and to tap the huge pool of personal savings,

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It's Davis Cup Showtime Again

MINNEAPOLIS - For John McEnroe, the last meeting with Sweden was the low point for the United States in recent Davis Cup joyable than the 1984 final was.

There were several ugly-American incidents in the 1984 final in Goteborg, most iovolving Jimmy

Conoors, some McEnroe. The U.S. team dropped its first three matches. Connors never played Davis Cup again and

McEnroe didn't return until 1987. "History has proven that it turned out to be a turning point in the negative direction for a while," McEnroe said. "At that time, Jimmy and I were not getting along. It just wasn't a team feeling. That was, probably, of all the years, my

least favorite. Mac is back. Again on red clay. Again facing Sweden, this time in the Davis Cup semifinal that be-

gins Friday.

He is joined by doubles partner Pete Sampras and singles players Andre Agassi and Jim Courier. They'll face a Swedish team featur-ing top-ranked Stefan Edberg, with the winner advancing to the championship in December, Brazil and Switzerland meet in Geneva in this

Although the United States and Sweden have done oothing but practice so far, McEuroe said this of that, in '85 I was ineligible." event is already infinitely more en-

"It's much more preferable to me, especially having already won it four times, that I be with a group of guys that I really like and that we have a team feeling," said McEn-roe, who has a U.S.-record 57 Davis Cup match victories but basn't won a team title since 1982.

la 1984, while Connors lost the event's first match (6-1, 6-3, 6-3 to Mass Wilander), he repeatedly screamed and swore at officials. He immediately went home, oot even waiting for the event to end.

McEnroe also lost, also in straight sets, to Henrik Sundstrom. McEnroe and Peter Fleming, whose Davis Cup doubles record was 14-0, then lost to Edberg and Anders Jarryd the same twosome McEnroe and Sampras face Saturday.

Though he wasn't as abusive as Connors had been, McEnroe was McEnroe. Meaning he also lost his Switzerland Is Favored temper a few times.

"Jimmy had some problems over in Sweden and they kind of lumped me in with it because of my past history." McEnroe said. "They

In 1986, the USTA's president, Randy Gregson, didn't let McEnroe play because he didn't like McEnroe's personality.

"So that's two years wasted that we could have won it." McEnroe said. "Since then, it was an uphill battle until Andre and Michael Chang won it in 1990. There was an eight-year period where we were

Thanks to today's young talent, the 33-year-old McEnroe doesn't expect any dry spells in the oear future. He's again excited about the direction of U.S. tennis.

"If you look at American tennis now, we have Andre, Jim, Chang and Sampras - four of the top six or seven players in the world. It's a fantastic opportunity for American tennis to get back to the position of what Americans expect it to be."

Olympic gold medalist Marc Rosset leads Switzerland against Brazil in the the Davis Cup bartle of the upstarts, Agence France-Presse reported from Geneva. fending champioo France, 3-2, while Brazil chiminated Italy, 3-1, after beating Germany by the same score in the previous round.

On paper, the Swiss should have the upper hand in this weekend's encounter, which starts Friday with the singles' matches.

Hard-serving Rosset and Czech-horn Jacob Hlasek are ranked higher than Brazil's top players, Luiz Mattar and Jaime Oncins, and can count on 18,000 fans to roar them At the same time, the Brazilian

camp is riven by a bostile relationship between the players and the country's tennis federation. Sponsorship money that should

have gone to the players was used instead on the federation's deficit. The president of the federation is a cowboy. He is irresponsible," said Cassio Motta, the team's third

A Brazilian bank has stepped in to underwrite the team and is flying a six-person orchestra to Geneva to oost its chances.

Also, Oncins, 22, is on a Davis Cup roll, having won nine consecu-tive matches and, in the process, became a national hero.



The U.S. team's coach, Tom Gorman, with John McEnroe at practice for the Davis Cup semifinal matches against Sweden.

SIDELINES

Becker Hires Bresnik as New Coach

ESSEN, Germany (Reuters) — Three-times Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, who in June split with his former trainer, Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia, said Thursday he has hired the Austrian Davis Cap captain, Günther Bresnik, as his new private coach.

Becker, 24, who has slipped to eighth in the world rankings, said he planned to start working with Bresnik, 31, at next week's ATP tournalment in Basic, Switzerland

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"The next few tournaments will be a test of how we can work together,"
Becker said on the eve of Germany's Davis Cup match against Beiging

Auto Rally Becomes Hide-and-Seek PARIS (AFP) — Kenjiro Shinozuka of Japan, io a Mitsubishi, won Thursday's 19th stage of the Paris-Moscow-Beijing rally, from Wuwei to

"It was a bit like musical chairs, with the leader losing his way and the econd-placed driver taking over," said Shinozuka, "I just happened to be

leading at the end." Pierre Lartigue of France, in a Citroën, came in sixth but still led his earest rival, Erwin Weber of Germany, by more than an hour.

Marciulionis Has Surgery on Leg

OAKLAND, California (AP) - Golden State Warriors guard Sarunas OAKLAND, California (AP) — Golden State Warriors guard Sarunas Marciulionis has had surgery on a fractured right fibula and a dislocated right ankle and will be sidelined for at least eight weeks.

Marciulionis, the NBA's highest scoring sixth man last season at 18,9 points per game, was injured over the weekend when he stepped on a root or branch while running through a wooded area near his home in Vilnius, Lithuania, the team said. He returned to Oakland late Tuesday night.

For the Record

Paul Gascoigne, 16 months after his last competitive match, was mobbed by La-

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Ugenda, Mauritania and Sudan have withdrawn from the 1994 Work Cup on economic grounds. FIFA said Thursday while putting of indefinitely Libya's qualifying matches because of the UN ban on commercial air links with that

country. (Renters)
Arsene Wenger, the Monaco manager, was suspended for two matches by UEFA for being sent off during his team's UEFA Cup match Sept. 16. (AFP)
Ian Woosnam shot 4-under-par

(Reuters)

67 for a one-stroke lead over two Englishmen, rookie Jim Payne and Barry Lane, after one round of the Belgian Open. (UPI)
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• The NFL's official Media Relations Playbook, advising players on how to deal with the media; "Don't use slang. Speak English. It's likely to be a requirement for your oext job."

Connors-Navratilova: Battle Of Sexes All About Money

LAS VEGAS — Twenty years igo, 55-year-old Bobby Riggs said he could beat the best female tennis player in the world: 29-year-old Billic Jean King. He was wrong. On Sept. 20, 1973, King beat Riggs, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, in a match

billed as the battle of the sexes but more reflected the social climate of the times than a sporting event. Now comes Jimmy Connors ver-

sus Martina Navratilova on Friday, a three-set match with \$500,000 going to the winner, supplementing the reported \$500,000 appearance fee each player is getting.

While this match will have a degree of gender consciousness, it lacks the political weight of King-Riggs and has been relegated to pay-per-view rather than network television

"To a lot of people, this is a fun match," said Connors.

Riggs, never one to miss a money show, turned up at the news conference and asked Navratilova if she

would attack Connors's serve. "I hope so" Navratilova said. "He's a man with steel will and nerves. How well I'll be able to attack, I doo't know. But I have to go for the shots. I can't go easy."

Connors, who is 40, will get only one serve while giving Navratilova, 35, a court expanded by half a double's alley on each side to hit

Asked if she expected the crowd to root for Connors, who is a 4-1 betting favorite, Navratilova said: "If it's based on betting, they'll favor him. If it's from their heart, they'll be for me, because I'm more likable."

She took a beat and smiled: "I'm more adorable," she said.

BOOKS

SACRED HUNGER

By Barry Unsworth. 630 pages. \$25. Doubleday, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10103.

Reviewed by Gary Jennings

votks of the English autho L Barry Unsworth have gone rather unappreciated in the United States, but this novel should change that.

It commences in Liverpool in the 1750s with the building and crewing of a ship designed solely for the transport of slaves from Africa to the West Indies. Eventually there is such a variety of seamen aboard that the reader may have trouble distinguishing among them, but some are unforgettable.

There is the mad Captain Saul Thurso, alongside whom captains Ahah and Bligh would have to rank as pussycats. There is the First Mate James Barton, whose survival depends on sycophancy. There is the ship's surgeon, Matthew Paris, who is reluctantly on board only because his published ideas about evolution (anticipating Darwin by a century) have him fleeing a prison sentence im-

posed by an outraged Anglican bishop.
The bestiality of the slave trade is well-known, but Unsworth makes us aware also of the almost equal brutality common in those days even to "civilized" places like Liverpool. The scenes in which press gangs go about shanghaiing crewmen for the ship are among the best

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EY, HONEY!

Unsworth's blending of historical fact lifelong enemy of Matthew, it is he who and his own imagination is well-nigh will bring the story to its terrible climax seamless, his research impeccable. He seems to know every detail of life in the mid-18th century: shipbuilding, ocean navigation, medicine, even wig-wearing and women's dress - and every land-West Africa to the South Atlantic to the

then wilderness interior of Florida. When the ship reaches Africa and crams its pathetic black cargo into its fetid holds, everything that can go wrong does go wrong. Some of the valuable slaves starve themselves to death; others die merely of the squalor below decks. Then both the cargo and the crew begin to get decimated by malaria, scurvy, blackwater fever and "the bloody flux." The ship is alternately becalmed in the doldrums and beset by storms. The salt beef goes putrid, the fresh water runs out. The crewmen have to suffer vicious floggings for the least offenses.

When Thurso decides to start jettisoning even the still-living slaves, to save feeding them — and because, back in England, he can collect insurance on the "loss" — Matthew Paris and a couple of other decent men on board incite a muti-

Meanwhile, in Liverpool, the shipowner's son, Erasmus Kemp, is having a sort "Pride and Prejudice" romance with the daughter of a country squire. I would say that this impedes the narrative, but it does establish Erasmus as the most unlovable lover imaginable. And, being the

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will bring the story to its terrible climax and conclusion.

A hurticane hurls the ship far off course and beaches it on the coast of southern Florida. The surviving white crewmen and black slaves determine to scape and seascape from England to start life anew in this balmy, bospitable land. They set up a colony, whites and blacks living in communal harmony: farming fishing, hunting cheerfully in-terbreeding, being very happy indeed. And they get away with this for 12 years, because England has long presumed the

ship to have been sunk at sea. But then some other passing seamen, ashore for fresb water, stumble upon the colony. They eventually report to London, and the vindictive Erasmus comes looking for his "property." I will oot give away the story's ending, except to say that Erasmus need hardly have bothered. The colony has already been fraying, with one faction trying again to make

slaves of another. The dissolution of the Edenic colony is uncomfortably reminiscent of "Lord of the Flics." And sometimes Unsworth's meticulous research gets obtrusive; his disquisitions on England's parliamenta-ry and commercial finagings can be tire-some. But these are matters excusable in a novel that is otherwise utterly magnifi-

Gary Jennings' latest historical novel is "Raptor." He reviewed this book for The Washington Post.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

N English idea was imported a A quarter of a century ago, developed by Sam Stayman, it became known as the

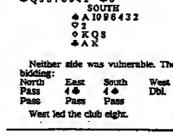
The idea is to use an opening bid of a four in a minor suit artificially, to show a long, strong major suit. A dramatic example is the diagramed deal from semifi-nal stage of the International Team Tri-als in Memphis, from May, 1992. Four clubs showed a relatively strong

four-beart opening bid, and a four-dia-mond bid would similarly have shown spades. Over four clubs, South had an obvious four-spade bid. It was less obvious what West should do at this point. West doubled without much confidence. and then had a lead problem. Looking at all four hands, it is obvious

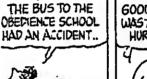
that South can make the doubled game by leading the spade-ace. But it was not obvious to North and South, who had to worry about the possibility that West's double was based on K-J-x in spades, in which case playing the ace would be

He therefore played a low trump which proved to be a disaster. West won the king and led his lowest club to give his partner a ruff. East cashed on heart winner and, guided by West's club play, shifted to diamonds. Now the defense took the diamond are and a ruff for down two a penalty of 300.





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Roberts of Reds Is a Perfect 10 in Tying Hit Record

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By Bill Plaschke Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Battling with two strikes and one throhbing ankle, Bip Roberts swung from the heart and landed in the history books.

With a first-inning line drive single to right field against the Dodgers' Pedro Assacin on Wednesday,

Roberts, of the Cincinnati Reds, tied a National League record with his 10th consecutive hit. In the lifth inning Roberts finally made an out —his first in five days — with a grounder that Astacio stabbed.

But as Roberts stopped halfway to first base in recognition that something special had ended, the Dodger Stadium crowd of 17,688 stood and roared for a league record that had not been equaled in 49 years.

During the Reds' 3-0 victory, they never stood

again.

"All of a sudden, everything slowed down," said Roberts of his record-tying hit, off a change-up. "I swang the bat, the ball went right into the bat and then, ... thank God, it landed on the green."

Roberts said he was also thankful that Charlie

Williams, the plate umpire, did not call him out on strikes. With an 0-and-2 count, both called strikes, Williams called Astacio's third pitch a ball. "I think the first pitch was not a strike, so maybe it was a makeup call." Ruberts said. "But that third

After hitting the 2-and-2 pitch, Roberts appeared stunned as he pumped his first into the air while

running to first base. But nobody was more surprised than rookie Asta-cio, who knew nothing about the record. "When I saw him celebrating, I figured something was going on," Astacio said through an interpreter.

The last National Leaguer with 10 consecutive hits

was Woody Williams of Cincinnati in 1943. Roberts shares the NL record with Williams and seven others.
The major league record is 12 consecutive hits, by
Pinky Higgins of Boston in 1938 and Walt Dropo of
Detroit in 1952.

It is not known whether any of the other recordholders accomplished the feat with a limp. Roberts has a painful cyst in his right ankle that is one for surgical

"Yeah, it's sore," he said after limping out of the training room. "But I'm really enjoying this."

The ankle injury, which has nagged him for several years, was aggravated this season in several collisions with outfield walls.

The 10-for-10 streak, which began with a fifth-inning single off the glove of San Diego Padres' pitcher Gene Harris on Saturday, was accomplished the hard way.

There were no walks or sacrifice bouts in break it up

"I'm pretty beat up," Roberts said. "But maybe when you are tired up there, you don't have time to think. You can just see the ball and react. And that's what I've been doing."

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There were no walks or sacrifice bunts in break it up - 10 plate appearances, 10 hits.

Typically, Roberts sprayed the ball in all fields during the streak.

Brewers Win By Claire Smith New York Times Service BALTIMORE — The Toronin

As Orioles and

East Tightens

Blue Jays hoped to crunch some numbers, primarily those dealing with the magic number needed to secure their third American League East title in four seasons.

Instead, it was their lead in that

division that wound up crunched, after a 4-1 loss in the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night, combined with a 3-0 victory by second-place Milwaukee over California, reduced the gap between first and second place to 3½ games.

Toronto, which has nine games

remaining on its schedule, still needs a combination of seven Blue Jay victories or Brewer losses to clinch the division. The teams do not play each other again.

The Orioles did more than delay the inevitable, though. They also foiled the Toronto starter Jack Morris in his bid to become the second American League pitcher to win 20 games this season.

Morris, at 19-5, also was denied a chance to become the first Toronto pitcher ever to win 20 games — on the strength of one Orioles' inning. Morris worked inm trouble by walking the lead-off hitter in the

first, then yielding consecutive singles to Leo Gomez and Billy Ripken. With one nut, he then gave up a three-run double to Mike Devereaux, Baltimore's top run producer.
The double raised Devereaux's batting average in bases-loaded situ-

ations this season to .590 (13 for 22), with two homers, three doubles, four sacrifice flies and 40 runs basted in. His overall RBI total is 105. Louis, threw his second wild pitch Devereaux and his manager,

Johnny Oates, were especially proud of the victory in light of an emotionally crushing loss in the series opener Tuesday. I was apprehensive about what

the attitude of the club would be as 1 remaining games for 3,000.

Tigers 10, Yankees 8: Mickey

The three-run first was more than enough offensive support for the Orioles' starter, Arthur Rhodes. The left-hander allowed Toronto just one run ou four hits in eight-

In other games, The Associated Press reported: Brewers 3, Angels 0: In Milwau-kee, Cal Eldred, a rookie, pitched a four-hitter against California for

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his first major-league shutout and ran his record to 10-1 with his minth straight victory, matching the club record of nine straight set four days ago by Chris Bosio.

Milwaukee scored in the first off

Jim Abbott on Robin Yount's RBI double. Darryl Hamilton singled in a run in the fourth and Kevin Seitzer singled home another in the eighth. White Sox 17, Athletics 6: Frank Thomas drove in three runs with

two doubles for Chicago, playing at home, and Ron Karkovice had three hits, including a two-run tri-ple. But Oakland's magic number for its fourth AL West title in five seasons was reduced to three despite the Athletics allowing their most runs this season. Rangers 5, Twins 3: Kevin

Brown became the AL's second 20-game winner and Rafael Palmeiro hit a two-run homer as Texas, play-ing at hume, kept Minnesota eight games behind first-place Oakland. Indians 7, Red Sox 3: Albert Belle and Glenallen Hill homered in Cleveland's five-run fourth in

Mariners 6. Royals 1: Lance Parrish got three hits and Brian Fisher allowed just five in eight innings as Seattle ended a 12-game road losing streak.

George Brett was 2 for 4 and needs nine hits in Kansas City's II

I was down coming to the ball-park," Oates said. "But when I got here, I could hear the chatter. To-day was a day they picked me up."

Tigers 10, Yankees 8: Mickey Tettleton and Rob Deer both hit their 30th homers of the season as Detroit won in New York.



Bip Roberts hitting his first-inning line drive single in Los Angeles, tying a National League record that had not been emuled in 49 years.

Riddoch Is Fired As Padre Manager

SAN DIEGO — Manager Greg Riddoch, who couldn't get the San Diego Padres to finish higher than third place in 2½ seasons, was fired Wednesday and replaced with Jim

Riggleman. San Diego, which then lost to Houston, 7-6, was 12 games behind NL West-leading Atlanta before the change.

Riggieman, manager of the Padres' Class AAA farm team in Las Vegas during the last two seasons, was given a contract through the end of 1993 with a club option for

Alou's Grand Slam for Expos Beats Pirates in 14th

Catching the Pittsburgh Pirates see them falling apart. They for the National League East title is haven't done it all year, so why going to be difficult, but the Montreal Expos haven't given up.

into their flickering hopes Wednes-day night when Moises Alou hit a 14th-inning grand slam home run to give Montreal a 5-1 victory over visiting Pirates.

The Expos cut Pittsburgh's mar-gin to six games with 10 to play, leaving the Pirates' magic number in the Eastern Division at five. "It's possible, but mighty unlike-lty," Montreal's Deline DeShields son's next pitch just inside the left-in San Francisco while Charlie Lei-

would they give in now?"

DeShields, hitless in five previ-The Expos breathed some life one at-bats, tripled off reliever

> Roger Mason to open the home 14th. Spike Owen drew a walk and DeShields held third as Marquis Grissom bounced out to second. Larry Walker was then intentionally walked, bringing up Alou. The rookie outfielder hit Ma-

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"I was hoping I could just get a fly ball to bring the run in," Alon said. "Sometimes a lot of good things can happen when you don't try to do too much." After nine scoreless innings, the Pirates took the lead in the 10th on Don Slaught's bloop RBI single. But the Expos tied it on doubles by

Alon and John Van Der Wal in the bottom of the iming. Braves 7, Giants 0: Jeff Blauser hit an RBI double and a home run

said of his team's chances, "I don't field foul pole for the the Expos' brandt pitched a six-hitter for At-see them falling apart. They first bases-loaded homer of the lanta's franchise-record 22d shutin eight games in San Diego this out and reduced the Braves' magic number in the Western Division to

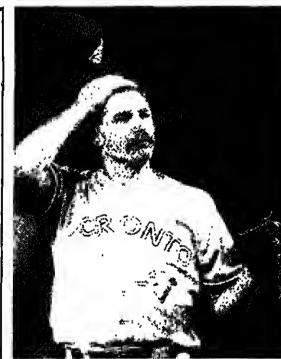
> Astros 7, Padres 6: Eric Anthony singled in Ken Caminiti with two of the season to allow the winning outs in the ninth to give Houston a victory in San Diego.

Caminiti singled to start the second when third baseman Gary Sheffield lost Jeff Bagwell's single in the lights and scored on Authony's single off Rich Rodriguez. outs for the victory, Houston's first cago.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2: Lee Smith. having loaded the bases on a single and two walks in the ninth in St.

Dwight Gooden, at 9-13 and finishing the only losing season of his ninth off Jeremy Hernandez, took career, pitched a six-hitter to win

for the first time in five starts. Phillies 9. Cubs 3: Rookie Tom Marsh hit wis first grand slam in the ry's single off Rich Rodriguez. majors and drove in five runs as Doug Jones got the final four Philadelphia clubbed visiting Chi-



Jack Morris of the Blue Jays quickly got into trouble

A Woman Goaltender, 20, Breaks the Ice in U.S. Pro Sports

The Associated Press

thing in Manon Rheaume is that she will never have to look back and wonder what might have been.

The 20-year-old goaltender became the first woman to play in one of the four major professional sports leagues in the United States when she played the first period for the Tampa Bay Lightning, a National Hockey League expansion team, in an exhibition game Wednesday night.

She faced nine shots and allowed two goals in the St. Louis Blues' 6-4 victory, then was offered a chance to play in the Lightning's minor-league system.

Rheaume led the team onto the ice to a standing ovation from the crowd of 8,223 in Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall, which seats just over 10,000.

She made her first save 40 seconds into the game. Jeff Brown scored from just inside the blue line at 2:21 and Brendan Shanahan knocked the puck in from in front of the net

dropping to the ice and blocking the puck with her left leg. Rheaume left after the first period with the

score 2-2 and was replaced by Wendell Young, who gave up the other four goals. "I was very nervous," Rheaume said. "I didn't think about being the first woman. I

thought about doing my best and concentrating on the puck." She added that she plans to accept the offer

to play in the minors. Tampa Bay's general manager, Phil Espo-sito, said the Lightning wanted to sign Rheatme, a French Canadian, to a contract and assign her to the club's Atlanta minorleague affiliate.

"We want her in our organization for a long, long time." Esposito said. "That is if Manon wants to. I can't wait to see her in training camp next year. The question is how much can she progress. I think she can play." Asked if he thought that one day she could

14 minutes later.

In between goals, Rheaume was steady if unspectacular. She made only one save that be good enough to make an NHL roster, Esposim said: "If she progresses like we've unspectacular. She made only one save that

was not routine, stopping Nelson Emerson "There are not many 20 year-olds - men She said: "I mean, I can skate. I can stop a especially those who haven't had the experience," he added. "She has God-given talent. You don't just stand in like that. You have to have talent to do that,"

The opportunity to play, not the historical significance, was what made the night so special for Rheaume, who began playing hockey with her brothers as a 5-year-old and often dreamed of reaching the NHL.

Esposito admits that publicity was one of the major factors in the decision to invite the 5-foot-6 (I.67-meter), 130-pound (58-kilo-

gram) goalie in training camp. Still, he thinks she was deserving of a shot af pitting her skills against those of NHL players. "I thought she did very well under the circumstances," Esposito said. "I remember my first NHL game, and I don't know how she did it. I was more nervous for her than she was for herself. She handled it beautifully."

Rheaume, who helped the Canadian women's national)eam win the 1992 World Championships, said her performance in practice and intrasquad games proved she belongs.

Rheaume also made history last season when she became the first woman to play in the Canadian Major Junior Hockey League. She gave up three goals in 17 minutes before being injured and leaving the only game she

played for the Trois-Rivières Draveurs. In a publicity stunt in 1968, Penny Ann Early, a would-be jockey, played for one sec-ond in an American Basketball Association regular-season game for the Kentucky Colonels. Early, 25, signed to a one-game contract. played for one second against the Los Angeles Stars on Nov. 27. She inbounded the ball in the second period and the Colonels immediately called a timeout and removed her from the lineup.

A mix of boos and cheers from 5,345 in Louisville's Convention Center greeted Early, whose special uniform included a green miniskirt and white sweater bearing the number 3. Ann Meyers, who attended the Indiana Pacers' NBA camp in 1979, is the only other woman who has tried nut for a team in one of the four major U.S. pro sports. But she never appeared in a game.

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SCOREBOARD

Manon Rheaume: "Nervous."

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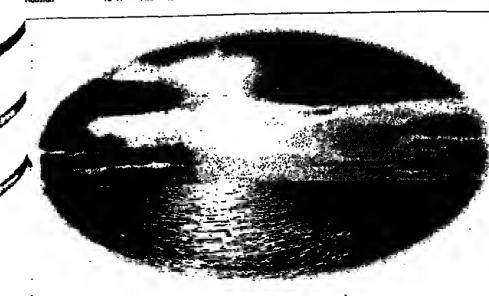
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Affordable Manhattan

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Susan T. of Amsterdam Avenue is interested in "affordable housing." Her curiosity was piqued by Donald Trump a few months back when be was talking about one of those grandiose many-thousand-unit housing projects that engage the

world's Tromps. At that time Trump said that, if the public would subsidize it, he would include "affordable housing" in this Babylon planned for Mantrattan's West Side. Just a moment, my good Trump, said Susan T. (here I paraphrase her letter to me), what's

this with the "affordable housing"? Was the master builder telling us that those thousands of other martments to be built, the unsubsidized ones, would be unaffordable? If so, what is the point of building apartments people can't afford? Susan T. says these are probably designed for the same people who can't afford health insurance and medical care either. Here, regrettably, she betrays a cynical spirit, resulting perhaps from an impecunious condition which denies her the benefits of the most advanced

 \Box Is my suspicion correct, Susan T.? If so, stop giving in to this sour envy simply because some of your fellow creatures are young enough, healthy enough, employed enough and rich enough to afford health insurance. President Bush has suggested that if Congress would only cut the capital gains tax, the impecunious would

of feeding the health-insurance oc-Admittedly, the president is sometimes wrong, but optimism, no matter how foolish, does more to brighten the day than an embittered spirit, Susan T. Read your Voltaire: "Candide." All is for the best in this best of all possible

soon be back at work fully capable

health-care and unaffordablehousing simations.

As for "affordable housing," let's all hope Trump does not build any in Manhattan, for few things are more galling to New Yorkers than

the suspicion that someone they know has an affordable apartment. Everyone in Manhattan - well, almost everyone - lives in space so ridiculously unaffordable that he is ashamed to tell visitors from out of

medical science.

housing in Manhattan and sometimes meets someone who is rumored to live in it, but he cannot

What sustains the New Yorker's civility is the conviction that there is no affordable housing. He clings to this conviction despite documentary evidence that here and there rent control still preserves a two-bedroom apartment renting

afford to believe it. Believing it would be emotionally unbearable.

for less than \$2,000 per month. In my New York career, I occasionally heard stories of such people and hated them, not just sprout-

ing tusks but frothing noisily.
It was maddening to think of people who had not only settled in New York to enjoy the theater and the opera and the ballet and the fine restaurants, but also had enough money left after paying the rent to go to the theater, the opera, the hallet and fine restaurants.

What made New York life tolerable was the certainty that such people and such housing existed only in malicious rumor and that all those people at the theaters, opera, ballet and restaurants were

from New Jersey. If the existence of New Yorkers with affordable apartments were confirmed, the rage of injustice created by evidence of such unjust privilege might provoke levels of violence that would repel even the

National Rifle Association. In short, Susan T., Trump's offer to build some affordable housing if the public will only subsidize him is the ultimate in developer ebutzpah. Not only does he threaten to create a privileged class that will put New Yorkers into raging flights of eavy — no, not content with that threat

- he also says New Yorkers will have to pay for it. Incidentally, isn't Donald Trump bankrupt? I distinctly recall reading in the papers just a year or two or three ago that he'd gone bust and was so destitute that a court was allowing him to spend only a million or two per day, maybe even less.

Only in America, as Shakespeare said, can a man go so swiftly from durance-free debtor's penury in mastery of unaffordable housing. Read your Bard, Susan T.:

From Kung Fu to Postmodern Hong Kong

By Joan Dupont

TORONTO - Sylvia Chang finds au-I diences here very well behaved. In Hong Kong, movies are released on Satur-day midnight to an audience that chants, screams and talks back to the actors on the

"When they don't like the film, they take knives and carve up the chairs," says Chang, a Hong Kong director, who was the first woman guest of the Toronto Festival's Director's Spotlight.

Chang is something of a phenomenon: nger, actress, screenwriter and producer. she has had a hand in 80 productions. But it was her skill in the martial arts — she practices Zaiquan Do — that launched her career. Signed on by Golden Harvest when she was 19, her first film for the Hong Kong-studio was a martial arts escapade called "Flying Tiger," strong stuff for a girl raised by diplomats. Her parents had come to Taiwan from the mainland. When she was in high school, they moved to New York where she got involved with '60s extracurricular activities and fell in love: "I was 14, he was a lawyer and my mother got so scared, she shipped me back to Taiwan."

Very early, Chang learned about the emigre experience. When she first arrived in Hong Kong as a popular teenage singer, she had to switch from her native Mandarin to slangy Cantonese; she used the new language, shot through with English in ber

acting jobs.
"I thought of writing because I saw hundreds of Chinese films being made and found them so bad I wanted to write my

Determined to get behind the camera. she watched directors on the set and got her break when Raymond Chow asked her to fill in for a man who was killed in an accident; she was 25. At 39, she has kept that fragile look, but she is tempered in

steel.

Her films are far from the Kung Fu specials eburned out by the studios; they show another kind of violence - the icy touch of modernity, the mighty westward pull. Chang exposed those antiseptie Hong Kong apartments with TV monitors pulsing ominously in the background. The woman — usually named Sally or Cora dreams of love and sex while the man — Tony or Danny — fiddles with his video games. Chang's characters teeter between their high-tech lives and odd reumants of the past - family values, honored patriarchs and arranged marriages. Her first serious film, "Passion," made in 1986, was an Edith Wharton-esque drama about twn



Filmmaker Sylvia Chang: "Twe been called a female Superman."

ken wife, the sad-eyed whore: she has taken custard pies in the face and played parts Joan Crawford would have loved to

get her teeth into. In Edward Yang's epie "That Day at the Beach," she was a girl from a traditional Taiwanese family who defies them to marry for love and reaps tragedy. In Lawrence Ah Mon's "Queen of Temple Street," she played a tough Mama-san who tried to keep her daughter off the streets. Mike Newell's "Soursweet," about Hong Kong immigrants in London's Chinatown revealed Chang as a ferocious young woman

- she got to use her Zaiquan Do.
And in "Sisters of the World Unite." a comedy that she wrote and co-directed, she finally played a woman who walks out on her faithless, boorish husband, a man so booked up to his cellular phone, he hardly notices her departure. A wife, he tells her, is like a private parking spot, always waiting for him; his mistresses are parking meters. Chang hits him with a swift, "One day you'll find your spot has been taken."

has been billed as a feminist, but she doesn't see it that way.

"I've been called a 'female Superman' because of the way I work and the energy I have, but if we're equal, why should we have special names? In all my films, there's a very important men in the story behind every woman's problem is a man's problem. I don't want to put down men; I want to remind them that for the past decades, women have been changing. We used to have bound feet, we couldn't leave our homes. Now everything has changed. We're growing, but men haven't grown much; they have only one role. Maybe it's

time they looked at us." Despite the male-dominated industry, a considerable number of women are making films in China these days. Chang acted in and co-produced Ann Hur's first movie, "The Secret" With Clara Law (whose 'Autumn Moon" won the Golden Leopard at Locarno) and a group of 20 film-makers, she has formed a collective for

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In 1990, Chang became the first Taiwanese actress to go on location in China.
There are real differences between Chinese mainland, Chinese Hong Kong, Chinese Taiwan and Chinese Canada," she says, "yet I'm optimistic that we'll survive and have a whole new public."

This year, Taiwan is opening up to Chinese crews and actors.

Chang's latest film as director, "Mary From Beijing," the story of a girl who returns to Hong Kong from the mainland and cannot fit in, has a mainland Chinese star - Gong Li, leading lady of Zhang Ymnou's "The Story of Qui Ju" (Venice's Volpi Cup for best actress).

In Hong Kong today it is still hard to make a film that isn't a comedy or a remake of 1960's martial arts "chop-sockeys"; so-called "women's films," actually X-rated nude flicks, are popular.

There have always been commercial pressures and piracy; now the mafia is involved: they run companies and are trying to take over theaters. Movies are a strange business, anybody can get in." The mafia controls an estimated one-third of production and the situation has worsened in recent years, with bizarre takeovers and

bloody vendettas.

So Hong Kong is not looking east for purely artistic and idealistic motives. And Hollywood beckons. John Woo, considered a master of the shoot-'em-up genre, has a couple of U.S. projects, one with Quentin Tarantino of the extremely vio-

lent "Reservoir Dogs."
"It's funny about the violence," Chang
muses. "I don't mind when it's well done; if you just go bam-bam-bam till the end of the movie, it doesn't mean anything. You have to give people space, room to breathe. John Woo has made some nice films. We know each other and tease each other. He says, I shoot with three cameras, and I say, I only shoot with one camera because I know exactly what I want."

Chang claims that she is not tempted by the "headache of Hollywood." She spends time at bome these days, writing scripts. She recently married, but only after the birth of her son, now 2. Although this caused something of a scandal, she appears unfazed:

"I named my son Oscar because he was the best prize I could give myself," she says. "I want to spend time with him. I'll stay in Hong Kong, despite the difficul-ties. Hong Kong is like a beautiful woman. Everybody loves her but nobody wants to marry her. Maybe we should take her seriously, stay, marry. I'd like to make Hong Kong a real home."

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Clint Eastwood donated his .44 Magnum from "Dirty Harry," Phil Collins a signed pair of drumsticks and Bob Dylan a harmonica for an auction of celebrity memorabilia in Miami Friday night to raise money for Hurricane Andrew's victims. Michael Jordan gave an auto-graphed basketball. Gloria Estefan, Julio Iglesias and Santana contriblio Iglesias and Santana contributed autographed jackets.

More good deeds from celebrities: Michael Jackson's Heal the World Foundation will pay for 13 doctors to go to Romania to operate on children with strabismus, or crossed eyes. "There, essentially these children are discarded. It's thought by many people that these ehildren are possessed," said Dr. Patrick Zoeliner, one of the doctors. Jackson is on a tour, and the doctors will be there when he performs in Bucharest on Wednesday.

Billy Joel is suing his former law firm. Grubman, Indursky. Schindler and Goldstein of New York, for \$90 million, alleging that it paid kickbacks to Joel's former

Universal Pictures says it has signed a multiyear, "first look" deal with Spike Lee, starting with his next movie. The terms of the pact were not disclosed. The announcement was hardly a surprise given Lee's often expressed unhappiness with Warner Bros. nver "Malcolm X." due out Nov. 20. The film is over budget, and Lee has accused the movie company of racism for trying to keep the costs down.

The shooting of Bernardo Berto-lucci's "Little Buddha" has been allowed to resume in Kathmandu after the film company agreed to change the title and scrap some scenes regarded as obscene. A number of Buddhist organizations had staged a protest over the production, claiming it belittled Buddha. The new title hasn't been made public.

Andrew Lloyd Webber says his next musical, "Sunset Boulevard," will open in the United States, not Britain. The show is based nn the 1950 film starring Gloria Swanson

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